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Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility, DOJ  
Director, FBI

September 8, 1978

1 - Mr. Biamonte  
1 - Mr. Mintz  
1 - Mr. Moore

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Reference is made to your letter of August 23, 1978, in which you requested record checks of [redacted] intelligence agency and Marine Corps experience be conducted.

As you were previously advised, [redacted] had been identified by an individual who had requested confidentiality as being identical to Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr. The individual further advised that [redacted] made admissions to crimes allegedly committed while employed by the CIA.

A search was conducted of the Birmingham Division informant file pertaining to Rowe and it was found that Rowe's military record had been reviewed August 5, 1960. The review indicated Rowe's military history is inconsistent with the information attributed to [redacted]. In addition, the CIA has advised by letter dated August 30, 1978, that they are unable to substantiate the allegations that Rowe was previously employed in any capacity by that agency.

NOTE:

A [redacted] source advised a man she believes identical to Rowe talked about [redacted]

He indicated [redacted] occurred while he worked for the CIA in "contract activity." Employment records for the man, who source identified as Rowe, included a resume indicating prior employment by the CIA, as well as liaison between the U. S. Marine Corps and the CIA. OPR, DOJ, was advised of the above and requested record checks be conducted at CIA and the U. S. Marine Corps.

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## memorandum

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Concerning Rowe to [ ] Office

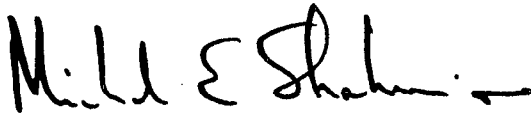
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TO: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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ATTN: Thomas J. Biamonte, Inspector-Deputy  
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Office of Professional Responsibility  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

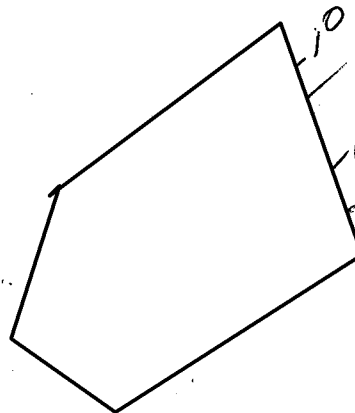
This is in response to your memorandum of August 11, 1978, which related certain information concerning Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., supplied by an individual who requested confidentiality to agents of the [ ] Office. The information contained in that memorandum should not be further disseminated at this time. We think that additional investigation, to include at least records checks regarding [ ], intelligence agency and Marine Corps experience, is warranted.

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*DMR*

Date: August 31, 1978

To: Admiral Stanfield Turner  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

From: William H. Webster  
Director, FBI

Subject: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. *2*  
FORMER KLAN INFORMANT

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BY LIAISON  
*8/31/78 JW*

1 - Mr. Biamonte  
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Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., a self-admitted former FBI Ku Klux Klan informant, is currently the subject of an internal inquiry being conducted by the Offices of Professional Responsibility, FBI and U. S. Department of Justice. The inquiry into his activities while an informant for the FBI and the FBI's handling of him was instituted at the request of U. S. Senators James Abourezk and Edward M. Kennedy following the appearance of news accounts that alleged illegal acts were committed by Rowe while he was an FBI informant.

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During the course of the inquiry, a source, who requested confidentiality, advised Rowe has indicated to the source he participated in criminal acts not previously publicized while employed by the CIA. Rowe indicated to the source he worked for the CIA in "contract activity" from 1961 to 1963. Rowe has indicated to a second source that he was employed by a U. S. intelligence agency from January, 1959, to January, 1967; and, further, that he acted as Marine Corps liaison with the CIA from 1957 to 1960.

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The Office of Professional Responsibility, U. S. Department of Justice, has requested the FBI contact the CIA to determine the credibility of the information.

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Admiral Stanfield Turner

~~Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., also known as Tommy Rowe and Thomas Neil Moore, is a white male; born August 15, 1930, in Savannah, Georgia; FBI #021500B.~~

It is requested you advise whether or not you have any record of Rowe having been employed by your agency or whether you have ever used him in an operational capacity.

NOTE:

A [redacted] source advised a man she believes identical to Rowe talked about [redacted]

[redacted] He indicated [redacted] occurred while he worked for the CIA in "contract activity."

[redacted] OPR, DOJ, was advised of the above and requested record checks be conducted at CIA and the U. S. Marine Corps. On 8/28/78, a check of Rowe's informant file at Birmingham determined his military record had been reviewed 8/5/60 and the results were inconsistent with the information contained in the resume.

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ATTENTION OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, PLANNING AND  
INSPECTION DIVISION.

GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT. ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY.

RE MOBILE TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST 2, 1978.

INVESTIGATION IN HAYNEVILLE, ALA. ON SEPT. 27, 1978  
DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE  
INDICTMENT OF ROWE BY LOWNDES COUNTY GRAND JURY RECENTLY.

[REDACTED] STATED HE  
COULD NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER INDICTMENT HAS BEEN RETURNED.

HOWEVER, HE SHOWED BU AGENT PERTINENT LAW WHICH STATES CLERK  
CAN SEAL INDICTMENTS UNTIL SUBJECT IS ARRESTED. HE ADVISED HE  
HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY JUDGE TO SHOW THAT PARTICULAR PART OF

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LAW TO ANYONE INQUIRING ABOUT ROWE CASE.

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HE HAS NOT BEEN TOLD THAT ROWE HAS BEEN INDICTED. HOWEVER,  
HE IS <sup>99%</sup> SURE THAT SEALED INDICTMENT HAS BEEN RETURNED BY  
LOWNDES COUNTY, ALA. GRAND JURY.

MOBILE IS OF OPINION SEALED INDICTMENT HAS BEEN RETURNED  
BUT THAT NO ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE UNTIL ROWE IS ARRESTED.

LEAD. MOBILE, AT HAYNEVILLE, ALA. WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW  
MATTER AND REPORT WHEN INDICTMENT MADE PUBLIC OR FURTHER INFOR-  
MATION OF VALUE DEVELOPED BY MOBILE.

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Sept. 21, 1978

The Hon. Griffin Bell, Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bell,

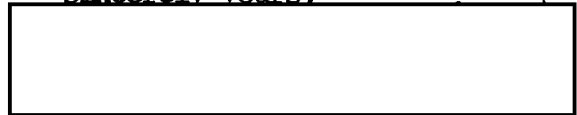
*GARY THOMAS ROWE*

It was reported in the newspapers in July that former F.B.I. informant Gary Rowe admitted having killed a black man and that he had notified the F.B.I. of the incident. Since then I have not seen anything further concerning this matter.

Does your office intend to pursue this matter any further? I am interested in knowing the time and place of the alleged incident that Mr. Rowe has admitted as taking place.

I am interested as a citizen and as a former member of the Alabama Commission on Human Rights. I would appreciate any assistance which your office may be able to give. Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely yours,



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OUTSIDE SOURCE

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Dear [REDACTED]

GARY THOMAS ROWE

Your September 21st letter to the Attorney General has been referred to this Bureau for acknowledgment.

For your information, Mr. Rowe was recently indicted on state charges. You may wish to communicate with the Alabama State Attorney General's Office, 64 North Union, Montgomery, Alabama 36107, for any data it can furnish you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

  
Harold N. Bassett  
Assistant Director

NOTE: On the basis of available information, correspondent cannot be identified. Reply discussed with the Office of Professional Responsibility.

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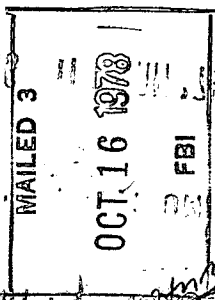
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(b) Where private counsel is provided, the following procedures will apply:

(1) The Department of Justice must approve in advance any private counsel to be retained under this section. Where national security interests may be involved, the Department of Justice will consult with the employing agency.

(2) Federal payments to private counsel for an employee will cease if the Department of Justice (i) decides to seek an indictment of or to issue an information against that employee on a federal criminal charge relating to the act or acts concerning which representation was undertaken; (ii) determines that the employee's actions do not reasonably appear to have been performed within the scope of his employment; (iii) resolves the conflict described in § 50.15(a)(6) and tenders representation by Department of Justice attorneys; (iv) determines that representation is not in the interest of the United States; (v) terminates the retainer with the concurrence of the employee-client, for any reason.

(c) In any case in which the employee is not represented by a Department of Justice attorney, the Department of Justice may seek leave to intervene or appear as amicus curiae on behalf of the United States to assure adequate consideration of issues of governmental concern.

[Order No. 683-77, 42 FR 5696, Jan. 31, 1977]

## PART 51—PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SECTION 5 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965

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AUTHORITY: Sec. 5, 84 Stat. 315; 5 U.S.C. 301, 28 U.S.C. 509, 510, 42 U.S.C. 1973c.

SOURCE: Order 467-71, 36 FR 18186, Sept. 10, 1971, unless otherwise noted.

### Subpart A—General Provisions

#### § 51.1 Purpose.

Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 1973c, prohibits the enforcement in any jurisdiction covered by section 4(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973b, of any voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure with respect to voting different from that in force or effect on the date used to determine coverage, until the authority proposing enforcement either (a) obtains from the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia a declaratory judgment that the plan does not have

the purpose and will not have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color, or (b) the plan has been submitted to the Attorney General and he has interposed no objection within a 60-day period following submission. In order to carry out his responsibilities under this section of the Voting Rights Act and to make clear his interpretation of the responsibilities imposed on other individuals and entities thereunder, the procedures in this part shall govern the administration of section 5.

#### § 51.2 Definitions.

(a) The terms "vote" and "voting" are used herein as defined in the Voting Rights Act of 1965, to include all action necessary to make a vote effective in any primary, special, or general election, including but not limited to, registration, listing pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, or other action required by law prerequisite to voting, casting a ballot, and having such ballot counted properly and included in the appropriate totals of votes cast with respect to candidates for public or party office and propositions for which votes are received in an election.

(b) The term "change affecting voting," as used herein, shall mean any voting qualification, prerequisite to voting, standard, practice, or procedure different from that in force or effect on the date used to determine coverage by section 4(a) (November 1, 1964 or November 1, 1968, as the case may be) and shall include, but not be limited to, the examples given in § 51.4(c).

(c) The term "submission" as used herein shall mean presentation to the Attorney General by an appropriate official of any change affecting voting and an explanation of the difference between the change and the existing law or practice and such appropriate supporting materials as are included to demonstrate that the voting qualification, prerequisite to voting, standard, practice, or procedure does not have the purpose and will not have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color.

(d) "Attorney General" shall mean the Attorney General of the United States or his delegate.

(e) The term "submitting authority" shall mean the party responsible for submitting a voting change on behalf of a State or political subdivision under § 51.8 or any other person or persons empowered to represent or act on behalf of a State or political subdivision with respect to a submission under section 5.

#### § 51.3 Computation of time.

(a) The Attorney General shall have 60 days in which to interpose an objection to a submitted change affecting voting.

(b) The 60-day period shall commence upon receipt by the Department of Justice of a submission from an appropriate official, which submission satisfies the requirements of § 51.10(a). Procedures for requesting additional material and for determining the commencement of the 60-day period when a submission is inadequate are described in § 51.18.

(c) The 60-day period shall mean 60 calendar days, provided that if the final day of the period should fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or national holiday the Attorney General shall have until the close of the next full business day in which to interpose an objection. The date of the Attorney General's response shall be the date on which it is mailed to the submitting authority.

(d) When the Attorney General objects to a submitted change affecting voting, and the submitting authority seeking reconsideration of the objection brings additional information to the attention of the Attorney General, the Attorney General shall decide within 60 days of receipt of a request for reconsideration (provided that he shall have at least 15 days following a conference held at the submitting authority's request) whether to withdraw or to continue his objection.

#### § 51.4 Requirement of action for declaratory judgment or submission to Attorney General.

Section 5 requires that, prior to enforcement of any change affecting voting, the State or political subdivision which has enacted or seeks to ad-

Investigation of unfairness, the same considerations are applicable to each group for which the study is made. See § 12b(7).

(l) Unfairness of selection procedure (differential prediction): A condition in which members of one racial, ethnic, or sex group characteristically obtain lower scores on a selection procedure than members of another group, and the differences are not reflected in differences in measures of job performance. See § 12b(7).

(m) User: Any employer, labor organization, employment agency, or licensing or certification board, to the extent it may be covered by Federal equal employment opportunity law which uses a selection procedure as a basis for any employment decision. Whenever an employer, labor organization, or employment agency is required by law to restrict recruitment for any occupation to those applicants who have met licensing or certification requirements, the licensing or certifying authority to the extent it may be covered by Federal equal employment opportunity law will be considered the user with respect to those licensing or certification requirements. Whenever a state employment agency or service does no more than administer or monitor a procedure as permitted by Department of Labor regulations, and does so without making referrals or taking any other action on the basis of the results, the state employment agency will not be deemed to be a user.

[Order No. 668-76, 41 FR 51735, Nov. 23, 1976]

**§ 50.15 Representation of Federal employees by Department of Justice Attorneys or by private counsel furnished by the Department in state criminal proceedings and in civil proceedings and Congressional proceedings in which Federal employees are sued or subpoenaed in their individual capacities.**

(a) Under the procedures set forth below, a federal employee (herein defined to include former employees) may be represented by Justice Department attorneys in state criminal proceedings and in civil and Congressional proceedings in which he is sued or subpoenaed in his individual capacities, not covered by § 15.1 of this chapter.

(1) When an employee believes he is entitled to representation by the Department of Justice in a proceeding, he must submit a request for that representation, together with all process and pleadings served upon him, to his immediate supervisor or whomever is designated by the head of his department or agency, forthwith. The employee's employing federal agency shall submit to the Civil Division in a timely manner a statement, with all supporting data, as to whether the employee was acting within the scope of his employment, together with its recommendation as to whether representation should be provided. The communication between the employee and any individual acting as an attorney at his employing agency, with regard to the request for representation, shall be treated as subject to the attorney-client privilege. In emergency situations the Civil Division may initiate conditional representation after communication by telephone with the employing agency. In such cases, appropriate written data must be subsequently provided.

(2) Upon receipt of the agency's notification of request for counsel, the Civil Division will determine whether the employee's actions reasonably appear to have been performed within the scope of his employment, and whether providing representation is in the interest of the United States. If a negative determination is made, Civil Division will inform the agency and/or the employee that no representation will be provided.

(3) Where there appears to exist the possibility of a federal criminal investigation or indictment relating to the same subject matter for which representation is sought, the Civil Division will contact a designated official in the Criminal Division for a determination whether the employee is either a target of a federal criminal investigation or a defendant in a federal criminal case. An employee is the target of an investigation if, in addition to being circumstantially implicated by having the appropriate responsibilities at the appropriate time, there is some evidence of his specific participation in a crime. In appropriate instances, Civil Rights and Tax Divisions and any

other prosecutive authority within the Department should be contacted for a similar determination.

(4) If the Criminal, Civil Rights or Tax Division or other prosecutive authority within the Department (hereinafter "prosecuting division") indicates that the employee is not the target of a criminal investigation concerning the act or acts for which he seeks representation, then representation may be provided. Similarly, if the prosecuting division indicates that there is an ongoing investigation, but into a matter other than that for which representation has been requested, then representation may be provided.

(5) If the prosecuting division indicates that the employee is the target of a criminal investigation concerning the act or acts for which he seeks representation, Civil Division will inform the employee that no representation by Justice Department attorneys will be provided. If the prosecuting division indicates that the employee is a target of an investigation concerning the act or acts for which he seeks representation, but no decision to seek an indictment or issue an information has been made, a private attorney may be provided to the employee at federal expense under the procedures of § 50.16.

(6) If conflicts exist between the legal or factual positions of various employees in the same case which make it inappropriate for a single attorney to represent them all, the employees may be separated into as many groups as is necessary to resolve the conflict problem and each group may be provided with separate representation. Some situations may make it advisable that private representation be provided to all conflicting groups and that Justice Department attorneys be withheld so as not to prejudice particular defendants. In such situations, the procedures of § 50.16 will apply.

(7) Once undertaken, representation under this subsection will continue until either all appropriate proceedings, including applicable appellate procedures, have ended, or until any of the foregoing bases for declining or withdrawing from representation is found to exist, including without limi-

tation the basis that representation is not in the interest of the United States. In any of the latter events, the representing Department attorney on the case will seek to withdraw but will ensure to the maximum extent possible that the employee is not prejudiced thereby.

(8) Justice Department attorneys who represent employees under this section undertake a full and traditional attorney-client relationship with the employees with respect to the attorney-client privilege. If representation is discontinued for any reason, any incriminating information gained by the attorney in the course of representing the employee continues to be subject to the attorney-client privilege. All legal arguments appropriate to the employees's case will be made unless they conflict with governmental positions. Where adequate representation requires the making of a legal argument which conflicts with a governmental position, the Department attorney shall so advise the employee.

(b) Representation by Department of Justice attorneys is not available to a federal employee whenever:

(1) The representation requested is in connection with a federal criminal proceeding in which the employee is a defendant;

(2) The employee is a target of a federal criminal investigation on the same subject matter;

(3) The act or acts with regard to which the employee desires representation do not reasonably appear to have been performed within the scope of his employment with the federal government; or

(4) It is otherwise determined by the Department that it is not in the interest of the United States to represent the employee.

[Order No. 683-77, 42 FR 5695, Jan. 31, 1977]

**§ 50.16 Representation of Federal employees by private counsel at Federal expense.**

(a) Representation by private counsel at federal expense may be provided to a federal employee only in the instances described in § 50.15 (a)(5) and (a)(6).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**Memorandum**

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TO : Mr. Bassett *HAB/OTD*

DATE: 11/7/78

FROM : J. B. Adams *JBA*SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING  
OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL  
RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U.S.  
vs. EATON, ET AL.

1 - Mr. Adams  
 1 - Mr. Bassett  
 1 - Mr. Colwell  
 1 - Mr. Moore  
 1 - Mr. McDermott

PURPOSE:

To report the results of a meeting held in my office on 11/6/78 regarding captioned matter and a subsequent meeting held in the Director's Office on the same date with the Task Force concerning captioned matter.

DETAILS:

On 11/6/78, a conference was held in my office concerning the above-captioned matter. Present during the meeting were Deputy Associate Director John J. McDermott, Assistant Directors Lee Colwell and Harold N. Bassett, Inspector-Deputy Assistant Director James O. Ingram and representatives from those respective Divisions.

It was pointed out that the Office of the Attorney General had created a task force concerning this matter, inasmuch as the recent administrative inquiry conducted by the FBI was sufficiently broad in scope to require the formation of a special task force to work full time on these matters.

During the course of this conference, discussion was generated concerning ground rules needed to be worked out regarding the review of informant files and review of Bureau files in general. In addition, it was agreed that the Records Management Division would make available space for the Task Force to review any such files at the JEH building.

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RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U.S.  
vs. EATON, ET AL.

It was also agreed that Supervisor [ ] who is currently assigned to the Records Management Division, Document Classification and Review Section, would act as liaison to the task force, noting that Supervisor [ ] handled the Martin Luther King, Jr., inquiry; and because of his expertise, it was agreed that he would be most qualified for this assignment.

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It was also pointed out that inasmuch as the task force would, in all probability, be interviewing present and past Bureau employees, there should be a clear understanding with the task force concerning problems that may arise regarding granting current Bureau employees administrative immunity during these interviews and/or advising them of their rights if their Fifth Amendment privileges are involved.

At 3:30 p.m. on 11/6/78, a meeting was held in the Director's Office which was attended by members of the Task Force, including Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Department of Justice. Also present was Assistant Director Colwell.

The Director agreed that Supervisor [ ] would act as the Bureau liaison for the Task Force and any file reviews would be conducted in the Records Management Division space in the JEH building. Mr. Shaheen advised that Ray Hornblower would be in charge of the Task Force and he could be contacted through telephone [ ] and/or through Mr. Shaheen's telephone [ ]. Mr. Shaheen pointed out that his office would oversee and monitor the over-all efforts of the Task Force and the Director indicated that OPR, FBI, would do likewise in keeping with their monitoring responsibilities.

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RECOMMENDATION:

None; for information purposes.

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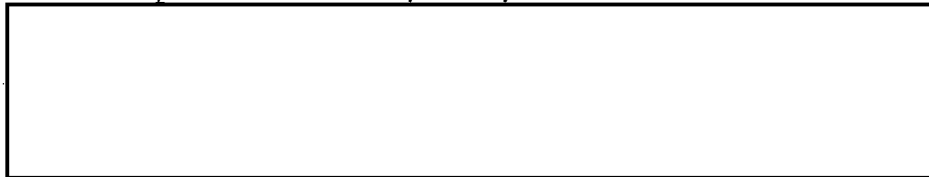
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MEMORANDUM TO: William H. Webster  
Director, FBI

SUBJECT: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling of  
Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., and Civil Rights  
Division's Prosecution of U.S. v. Eaton,  
et al.

As you are aware, the Deputy Attorney General, in my absence, directed the Office of Professional Responsibility to oversee appropriate inquiries into the Bureau's handling of Mr. Rowe and into whether Civil Rights Division Attorneys who participated in the prosecution of U.S. v. Eaton, et al., possessed any knowledge of Mr. Rowe's alleged "unreliability" and/or of criminal acts on his part. After a thorough review of the 510 page report labelled "Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., Former Klan Informant, Administrative Inquiry," it was decided that the inquiries are sufficiently broad in scope to require the formation of a Special Task Force to work full time on these matters. The Task Force members have now been chosen and their appointment will be publicly announced this week. They are:

1. Ralph Hornblower, III, Task Force Leader.



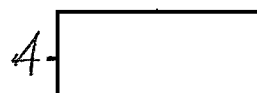
2. William Malcolm Logan, attorney, detailed to the Task Force from the Criminal Section, Tax Division.

3. John R. Fleder, attorney, detailed to the Task Force from the Consumer Affairs Section, Antitrust Division.

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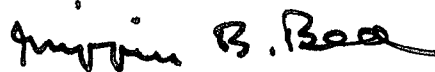
4. Donald R. Burkhalter, attorney, detailed from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys.

The clerical and support personnel who will assist the Task Force members have not yet been decided upon. The Task Force will take several months to complete its assigned missions and will report to the Office of Professional Responsibility.

The charter of the Task Force (attached) is a broad one and it is fully expected that the members will be working closely with personnel from the Bureau's Office of Professional Responsibility (the appointment of someone to serve as a liaison to the Task Force would be helpful). The Task Force will need to review FBI files located at Headquarters and various Field Offices and to interview many individuals, including present and former Special Agents.

Please take whatever steps you think are appropriate to insure that the highest priority is attached to the completion of these inquiries and impress upon your agents and support staff the need to render all possible assistance to the Task Force members.

If you have any questions about this matter, either now or at some later time, Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., or I should be contacted.



Griffin B. Bell  
Attorney General

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TO : Mr. Bassett *HB*

DATE: 11/14/78

1 - Mr. J. Cochran, Jr.  
(Attn: \_\_\_\_\_)

1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett

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FROM : \_\_\_\_\_ *R/ao*

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING  
OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL  
RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF  
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PURPOSE: To obtain adequate telephone service for captioned  
task force, which has been afforded space in  
Room 8798, contiguous to area utilized by Congressional  
Inquiry Unit.

DETAILS: Captioned task force was implemented by Attorney  
General's memorandum, 11/2/78. J. B. Adams to  
Mr. Bassett memorandum, 11/7/78, set forth arrangements made  
as a result of the meeting of Bureau officials concerning the  
implementation of FBI cooperation with this task force. The  
Document Classification and Review Section (DCRS) was desig-  
nated as the liaison point for this task force and appropriate  
space has been delineated on the eighth floor in Room 8798, con-  
tiguous to the area currently being utilized by investigators  
in the King/Kennedy assassinations inquiries. In addition,  
this space is contiguous to an area utilized by a subelement  
of the Executive Branch Agencies Unit (EBAU) of the DCRS  
wherein two GS-11 analysts and two support persons are  
stationed.

Telephone equipment already in place in this area  
shows the extension numbers \_\_\_\_\_ are  
"ganged" together, with the EBAU people utilizing extensions  
\_\_\_\_\_. The equipment for extensions \_\_\_\_\_ to  
be utilized by task force personnel while reviewing FBI files  
in FBI space, was already in place. However, extension \_\_\_\_\_  
does not have an outside dialing capacity, while \_\_\_\_\_ does.  
The head of the task force has requested that \_\_\_\_\_ also be  
afforded outside dialing capability as well as FTS capability,  
should it be feasible. It would be preferred to have one or  
two additional extensions for the use of this task force,  
which currently has five persons with three or four more to  
be added as the review proceeds.

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The task force head, namely Mr. Ralph Hornblower, recognizes budgetary constraints and intends to utilize any toll charges, whether local or FTS, on an extremely limited basis.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Telecommunications Section make a survey to determine whether additional extensions can be implemented in this area of Room 8798, particularly expanding extension [ ] to outside and FTS dialing capacity. The instruments involved are numbered Sta 244-E and 244-F.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



Nov. 3, 1978

Judge Webster -

This is the memo you  
saw Thursday afternoon. The  
announcement will be released  
by Terry Adamson's office  
later today.

Phil Jordan

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To: SAC, Birmingham ☐ and Sub's)

From: Director, FBI

Subject: ROWE TASK FORCE

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The Rowe Task Force has completed its review of your files as noted above; however, they will be maintained by the Civil Discovery Review Unit #1, Room 5448, at FBIHQ re possible future litigation. Any questions you may have can be directed to Supervisor ☐ Ext. ☐

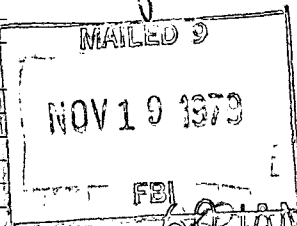
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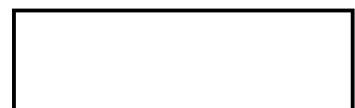


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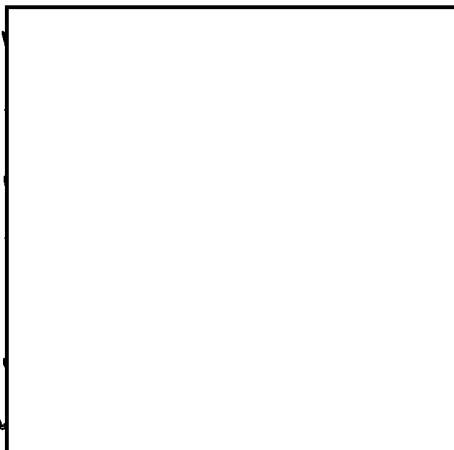
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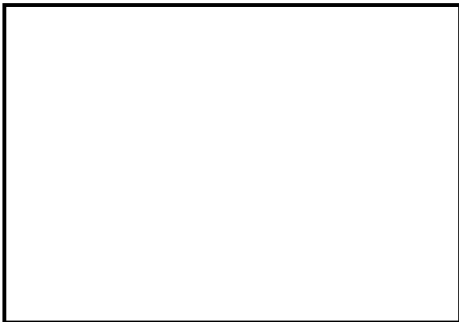
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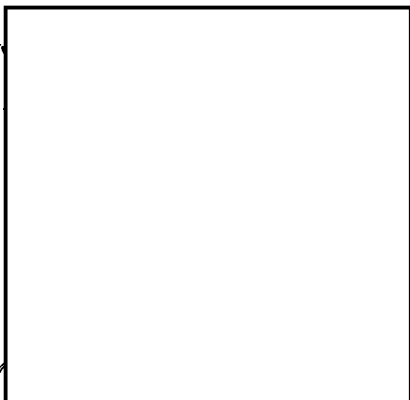


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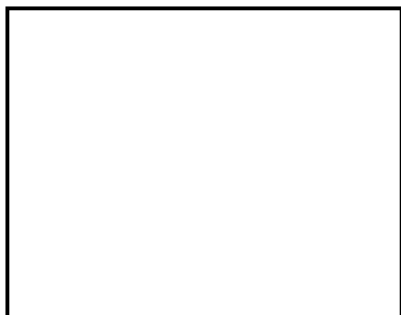
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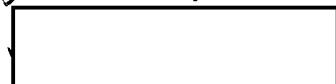
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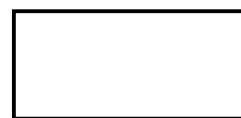
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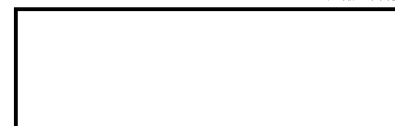
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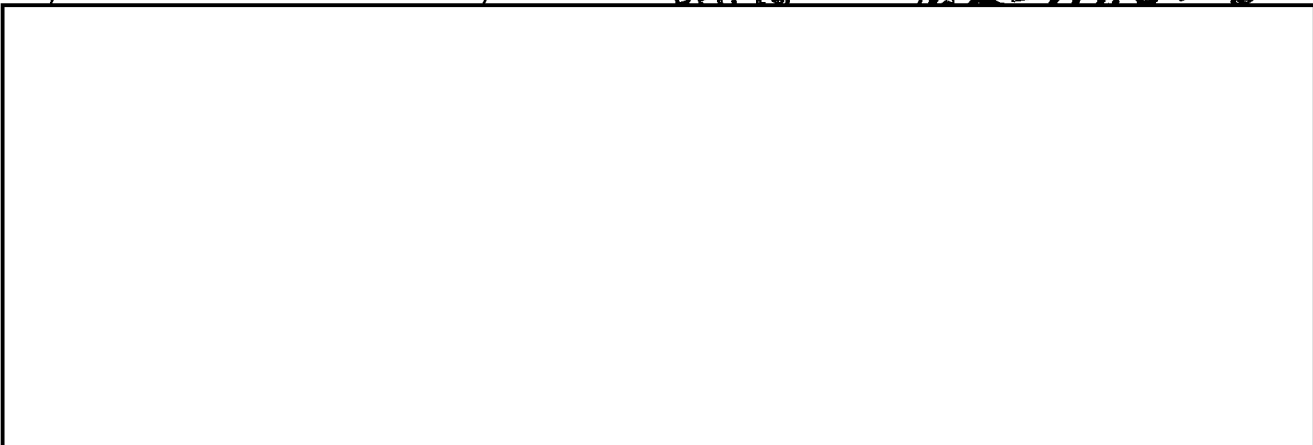
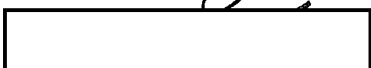
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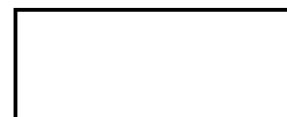
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MEETING PLACES FOR THE EASTVIEW KLAVERN #13 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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KLAN, (UKA, KKKK), KLAN HALL, 1400 BLOCK OF 18TH STREET, BESSEMER,  
ALA., FROM ITS INCEPTION UNTIL THE CASE WAS CLOSED:

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## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO : Mr. Bassett *WJB/OTF*

DATE: December 13, 1978

FROM : J. W. Awe *JA*

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR  
 INFORMATION: GARY THOMAS  
CROWE TASK FORCE

PURPOSE: To provide results of Elsur index search to  
 Departmental Task Force.

DETAILS: By memorandum Ray Hornblower, Director, Rowe  
 Task Force to [redacted] dated December 1, 1978, the  
 Task Force advised of need to examine FBI field and  
 Headquarters files containing information obtained from  
 any "wiretaps", "electronic devices", "surreptitious  
 entries", or "mail intercepts" that the Bureau [redacted]  
 [redacted] may have installed or undertaken [redacted]

[redacted] from 1955 to the date at which  
 intelligence gathering of this type terminated.

As a result of this request, a meeting was held  
 December 4, 1978 with Hornblower, attended by [redacted]  
 [redacted] Document Classification and Review Section (DCRS)  
 and [redacted] Records System Section, Elsur index.

The request regarding Elsur information was  
 discussed and the basics of the Elsur index system were  
 explained to Mr. Hornblower.

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As a result of this discussion, it was agreed  
 that the Elsur index would be searched for references to the  
 two Klaverns, the United Klans of America, Knights of the  
 Ku Klux Klan, the members of those two Klaverns as provided  
 by the Birmingham Office as well as a list of persons  
 selected by the Task Force.

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*GL:WJB*  
 (8) *PA*

1 - Mr. Bassett  
 1 - [redacted]  
 1 - Mr. Awe

1 - Administrative Folder  
 Division 4  
 2 - [redacted]



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Memo Awe to Bassett

Re: Departmental Request for Information:  
Gary Thomas Rowe Task Force

This search was conducted as follows:

1. Seven teletypes were forwarded to FBIHQ listing the "reported" members of the two Klaverns.
2. A special list was provided by the task force.
3. Each name to be searched was placed on a search slip.
4. All of the names were searched and where thoses names or similar names were located, the index cards pulled and three xerox copies made.
5. Two xerox copies of the search slip were made.
6. Three complete sets of search slips with xerox copies of the resulting index cards were assembled, in alphabetical order.
7. The lists of persons for each Klavern as well as the Task Force list were kept separate.

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As a result, 689 names were searched and 2,636 index cards xeroxed. It is noted that the vast majority of the index cards xeroxed do not appear to be Klan related. It was agreed that the Task Force would make this determination and not the FBI. This would help insure that there would be no allegation that the FBI "controlled" the input given the Task Force.

Attached to this memorandum are two sets of the product obtained as a result of this project. The original search slip and the resulting attachments will be maintained in the Elsur index room for future reference.

RECOMMENDATION: The DCRS provide the two copies of the survey to the Task Force.

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*delivered  
to Mr. R. Hornblower  
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## memorandum

DATE: December 1, 1978

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:Ray Hornblower, Director  
John Fleder *JMF*  
Rowe Task Force

SUBJECT:

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

TO:

[REDACTED] Assistant Section Chief  
Document Classification and Review Section  
Records Management Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigationb6  
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Pursuant to the Attorney General's Charter, the Rowe, Jr. Task Force requests that the FBI make available the following documents at Headquarters by December 8, 1978 or earlier, if possible:

1) A copy of the Peterson Report (Study Committee Report on FBI Counterintelligence Programs).

2) The Final Report of the Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations entitled "Intelligence Activities and the Rights of Americans" Senate Report 94-755, 94th Congress, 2nd Session (1976).

3) Volume 6 of the Hearings before the Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities, 94th Congress, 1st Session (November 18-19, December 2, 3, 9, 10, and 11, 1975).

4) All summaries of COINTELPRO proposals and actions relating to the Ku Klux Klan and other "White Hate" organizations. (IN PETERSON REPORT EXHIBITS)

5) Any instructions which were sent by FBI Headquarters to field offices regarding COINTELPRO proposals and actions in connection with "White Hate" organizations. (IN COINTELPRO FILE)

6) All sections of the FBI Headquarters' main file regarding COINTELPRO proposals and actions in connection with "White Hate" organizations.

7) All sub-files of the FBI Headquarters as to COINTELPRO proposals and actions relating to the Bureau's Birmingham and Mobile field offices.

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8) FBI Headquarters' main files [redacted]

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9) FBI Headquarters' sub-files [redacted]  
relating to the Birmingham and Mobile field offices.

10) All other administrative files at FBI Headquarters setting forth general instructions, guidelines, or regulations, which were in force at any time from 1959 to the present, relating to informants.

11) All progress reports of the Birmingham or Mobile field offices regarding COINTELPRO actions as to "White Hate" organizations.

12) All as yet undelivered volumes of "Bapbomb" (157-1025).

Additionally, please ask the Bureau's Birmingham and Mobile field offices to make available the following field office files to members of the Rowe Task Force:

1) Files [redacted]

2) All documents received by, disseminated by, or circulated within their offices as to COINTELPRO proposals and actions relating to "White Hate" organizations.

3) All [redacted] files on individuals who were informants within either the Eastview 13 or Bessemer Klaverns of the United Klans of America.

RH/JF/kpm

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DATE: December 1, 1978  
REPLY TO: *RH* Ray Hornblower, Director  
ATTN OF: Rowe Task Force  
SUBJECT: Request for Information

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

*C* TO:  Assistant Section Chief  
Document Classification and Review Section  
Records Management Division  
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We need to examine all FBI files in the field and at Headquarters containing information obtained from any wire-taps, electronic devices, surreptitious entries, or mail intercepts that the Bureau  may have installed or undertaken  from 1955 to the date at which intelligence gathering of this type terminated.

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We would appreciate it if you could make these files available to us by December 8, 1978.

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TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U.S. V. EATON, ET AL.  
REBUTELCAL DECEMBER 4, 1978.

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPOINTED CAPTIONED TASK FORCE NOVEMBER 2,  
1978, TO RESOLVE IN SUBSTANCE:

- 1} WHETHER FBI PERSONNEL ACTED IMPROPERLY IN DEALING WITH ROWE;
- 2} WHETHER CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION ATTORNEYS WERE AWARE OR  
SUSPECTED ROWE'S ALLEGED UNRELIABILITY;
- 3} WHETHER EVIDENCE EXISTS SUBSTANTIATING ROWE'S RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR LIUZZO'S DEATH.

TO DATE APPROPRIATE FBIHQ INVESTIGATIVE FILES, GUIDELINES,  
INCLUDING COINTELPRO FILES CONCERNING WHITE HATE GROUPS, HAVE  
BEEN REVIEWED.

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- 1 - MR. RALPH HORNBLOWER
- 1 - MR. BASSETT
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TASK FORCE, CONSISTING OF RALPH HORNBLOWER, III, {LEADER},  
WILLIAM MALCOLM LOGAN, JOHN R. FLEDER AND DONALD R. BURKHALTER,  
WHO HAVE "TOP SECRET" CLEARANCES, DUE TO ARRIVE BIRMINGHAM  
SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10, 1978, TO BE PRESENT AT FIELD OFFICE  
DECEMBER 11, 1978. IN ADDITION TO FILES MENTIONED IN RETELCAL,  
TASK FORCE WISHES BIRMINGHAM FILES [REDACTED] COINTELPRO  
DATA WITHIN BIRMINGHAM OFFICE RELATING TO WHITE HATE GROUPS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
BE MADE AVAILABLE. SEPARATELY, ANY WIRETAPS, ELECTRONIC  
DEVICES, SURREPTITIOUS ENTRIES BEING HANDLED AT FBIHQ WHILE TASK  
FORCE ALSO WISHES ACCESS TO CONTROL FILE ON MAIL COVERS AND ANY  
MAIL OPENINGS [REDACTED]

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TASK FORCE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO "RAW" ROWE FILES [REDACTED]  
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FBI HAS PROMISED UTMOST COOPERATION AND WILL UTILIZE NO  
PERSONNEL IN PROCESSING THIS REQUEST WHO HAVE HAD PERSONAL  
INVOLVEMENT WITH TASK FORCE GOALS. DETAILED AIRTEL BEING  
FORWARDED THIS DATE.

NOTE: TO MAKE CERTAIN BIRMINGHAM HAS APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING CAPTIONED TASK FORCE, ABOVE TELETYPE BEING SENT IMMEDIATE IN ORDER TO AFFORD SAC, BIRMINGHAM, BASIC WRITTEN GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING TASK FORCE. THE DETAILS WILL BE FORWARDED BY AN AIRTEL THIS DATE BEING HANDLED SEPARATELY.

FBI PERSONNEL HANDLING ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY CONCERNING THESE MATTERS EARLIER THIS YEAR DO NOT RECALL ANY SUCH MAIL OPENING DATA.

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1 - Mr. Ralph Hornblower  
1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett  
1 - Mr. J. W. Awe  
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To: SAC, Atlanta (Enclosure)  
SAC, Birmingham (Enclosure)  
SAC, Mobile (Enclosure)  
SAC, San Diego (Enclosure)  
SAC, Savannah (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U. S. V. EATON,  
ET AL.

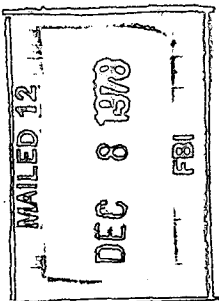
Reference Bureau telephone call to Birmingham on  
12/4/78 and Bureau teletype 12/8/78, no copy to Atlanta,  
Mobile, San Diego or Savannah.

The Attorney General appointed captioned task force  
11/2/78 to review necessary FBI files (including Cointelpro  
files) considered germane to the task force inquiry, whether  
located at Headquarters or in field offices. The task force  
is to review the following matters:

(1) Whether personnel of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation acted improperly in dealing with  
Mr. Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., while he served as a  
Bureau informant;

(2) Whether Civil Rights Division attorneys who  
tried United States v. Eaton, et al., were aware  
of Mr. Rowe's alleged unreliability or suspected  
he was unreliable; and

(3) Whether there is any evidence to substantiate  
the allegation that Mr. Rowe was responsible for  
the death of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo (to the extent this  
is possible without prejudicing the rights of  
Mr. Rowe or the State of Alabama in view of  
Rowe's recent indictment by the state).



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Airtel to Atlanta, et al.

Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling of  
Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., and Civil Rights  
Division's Prosecution of U. S. v. Eaton, et al.

The task force will also conduct interviews under oath, if appropriate, of present and former Department employees, including FBI Special Agents, and interviews under oath of any other person who may possess knowledge bearing on the allegations which are to be resolved. The FBI has assured task force members of our utmost cooperation. To date, FBI Headquarters files relating to Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., as he served as a Bureau informant, files pertaining to the death of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo and the trial of United States v. Eaton, et al., [redacted] files, together with informant guidelines for the period 1960 through 1965, and some Cointelpro files concerning White Hate groups have been reviewed.

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It is the intention of the task force to visit Birmingham Field Office on 12/11/78 in order to look into Birmingham files as set forth on the attached list. After the first of the year, the task force intends to visit Atlanta, Mobile, San Diego and Savannah Field Offices to review the files also included on the attached list. These offices will be notified separately as to the date of the travel of the task force. Members of the task force are as follows: Ralph Hornblower, III;

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In addition to the list of files on the attached list for Birmingham, the task force, on 12/1/78, requested the following Birmingham Field Office files be made available: (1) files [redacted] (2) all documents received by, disseminated by or circulated within their offices as to Cointelpro proposals and actions relating to White Hate organizations; (3) all [redacted]

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In addition, the task force has expressed the need to examine all FBI files in the field and at Headquarters containing information obtained from any wiretaps, electronic devices, surreptitious entries, or mail covers or openings that the Bureau [redacted] wants may have installed or undertaken [redacted]

[redacted] from 1955 to the date on which intelligence gathering of this type was terminated. Headquarters electronic surveillance activity is being handled separately; however, Birmingham should be prepared to handle the mail covers or openings as expressed above.

Airtel to Atlanta, et al.

Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling of  
Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., and Civil Rights  
Division's Prosecution of U. S. v. Eaton, et al.

The field office Rowe file will be made available in its  
"raw" condition; [redacted]

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In order to avoid any possible appearance of conflict of  
interests, personnel utilized in processing this request should  
have had no personal involvement with the matters set forth on  
page 1 of this communication.

Should any issue develop in connection with the task  
force survey which the field division feels requires Headquarters  
guidance, contact should be made with Assistant Section Chief  
[redacted] extension [redacted] who is acting as liaison con-  
tact for this task force.

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NOTE: See Bureau teletype to Birmingham, 12/8/78, captioned as  
above.

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- 31) Sacramento - The files referenced in its July 17, 1978 communication
- 32) San Francisco - 157-308 (BAPBOMB)  
157-1025  
157-305  
66-4941  
[REDACTED]
- 33) Seattle - 157-435  
157-271 (BAPBOMB)
- 34) Springfield - 157-231 (BAPBOMB)
- 35) Tampa - 157-856 (BAPBOMB)

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Additionally, please ask five field offices to secure the following files for review at that office by one or more Task Force members:

- 1) Atlanta - 157-582
- 2) Birmingham - [REDACTED]  
62-2654  
44-1236  
157-352  
157-954  
157-1159  
157-341  
174-6  
157-577  
157-399  
157-48  
100-3080  
[REDACTED]  
157-731  
105-655  
105-722  
157-191  
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157-339  
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- 3) San Diego - 66-2366  
66-1714  
70-3203  
44-312  
157-110  
44-759  
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All other files which that office has  
already secured pursuant to the  
Bureau's administrative inquiry

- 4) Savannah - [REDACTED]  
157-503  
5) Mobile - 157-416  
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Date December 6, 1978

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: LEGAL COUNSEL  
 FROM: SAC, MOBILE (66-1249) (P)  
 SUBJECT: GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
 FORMER KLAN INFORMANT  
 ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY

Re Mobile teletype to Bureau, 9/27/78;  
 Telecons of SA [redacted] Legal Counsel, with  
 SA [redacted] Mobile Division, 11/28 and 29/78.

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For information of the Bureau, the status of the state case against ROWE is that he has been indicted by the Lowndes County, Alabama Grand Jury for the murder of VIOLA LIUZZO on the night of 3/25/65. Extradition proceedings are underway to get ROWE back to the state of Alabama for trial.

[redacted] local attorney, Montgomery, Alabama, is representing ROWE in the extradition matter. [redacted] has an affidavit from [redacted] who was at the time associated with [redacted] that says the state of Alabama granted ROWE immunity in the case. On 11/30/78, per instructions of legal counsel, FBI HO, [redacted] was furnished with an affidavit of SA [redacted] who was present at a meeting held at Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama in 1965, at which time the immunity matter was discussed.

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[redacted] advises that an extradition hearing is scheduled for ROWE for 12/21/78, before the Governor of the state of Georgia. [redacted] points out that in Georgia

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extradition hearings can be held before a Circuit Court Judge or before the Governor of the state, and the Governor has elected to hold this hearing himself.

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Will follow further developments with [ ] and report same.

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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ATTENTION SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] ROOM 5425

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U. S. VS. EATON,

ET AL.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND MOBILE, DECEMBER 15,  
1978.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF BODY OF VIOLA LIUZZO WILL BE OBTAINED FROM  
ALABAMA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, DECEMBER 18, 1978, AND  
FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO BIRMINGHAM PER YOUR REQUEST IN RETEL.

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TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U. S. VS. EATON;

ET AL.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO MOBILE, DECEMBER 13, 1978.

MOBILE HAS NO RECORD OR COPIES OF PHOTOS OF BODY OF VIOLA

LIUZZO. SSRA [REDACTED] MONTGOMERY RA, HAS CONTACTED

[REDACTED] STATE OF ALABAMA DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY,

ALABAMA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, AT MONTGOMERY, ALA., AND HAS

DETERMINED THAT A FULL SET OF PHOTOGRAPHS IS STILL IN EXISTENCE

WITH THE ALABAMA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION <sup>REC-100</sup> MAY BE REVIEWED

THERE, AND IF ANY COPIES ARE WANTED, COPIES CAN BE MADE. SHOULD

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DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS WANT THESE PHOTOS, THEY SHOULD MAKE  
ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH SSRA [REDACTED] FOR VIEWING. IF ARRANGEMENTS  
ARE WANTED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1978, [REDACTED] WILL BE  
IN CHARGE OF THE ALABAMA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, AND HE MAY BE  
CONTACTED.

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## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION1 - Mr. R. E. ~~Long~~  
1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett,

DATE: 12/4/78

1 - Mr. R. ~~Pence~~  
(Attn: [redacted])1 - [redacted]  
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TO : Mr. Bassett *HNB/OTR*FROM : [redacted] *WR*

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U. S. V.  
EATON, ET AL.

PURPOSE: To alert the Security and Space Management Unit, which is responsible for FBI Headquarters security patrols, to the likelihood members of above task force will have to access FBI space after official working hours and thus require escort service.

DETAILS: Captioned task force, at the direction of the Attorney General, is conducting an expeditious review of FBI files in an effort to determine if FBI personnel or Civil Rights Division personnel inappropriately handled Gary Thomas Rowe, a discontinued informant reporting on Ku Klux Klan activities. The five-member task force and possibly several support people, [redacted] *pk*

[redacted] necessarily will be reviewing files in Room 8798 of FBI space, very probably in late evening hours, weekends and possibly holidays. The Building Security Patrol is being requested to escort these personnel, when they properly identify themselves, during off-duty hours to the above room and to open the door to the room, which is secured with the Division 6 key, and to escort the task force personnel when exiting the building. The telephone extension in the room utilized by the task force is [redacted]

Members of the task force identified at this time are as follows: Ralph Hornblower, III, Task Force Leader; William Malcolm Logan; John R. Fleder; Donald R. Burkhalter, and Marydale Drury.

This matter has been coordinated with Section Chief Robert L. Pence of the Printing and Space Management Section. In the event the needs of this task force impose an inordinate hardship upon the Security Patrol, [redacted]

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Memorandum [redacted] to Mr. Bassett  
Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling of  
Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., and Civil Rights  
Division's Prosecution of U. S. v.  
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Assistant Section Chief, Document Classification and Review  
Section, Records Management Division, who is responsible for  
liaison with the task force, should be immediately notified.  
Arrangements have been made in an effort to obtain prior  
notice regarding each off-hours visit of the task force.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Security Patrol of the Security and  
Space Management Unit be notified in accord-  
ance with the above.

*Supervisor [redacted]  
+ Security Patrol advised.  
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APPROVED:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
**memorandum**

DATE: November 28, 1978

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

Ray Hornblower

SUBJECT:

Gary Thomas Rowe Task Force

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Relevant Files of FBI Field Offices and Resident Agent Posts

TO:

Assistant Section Chief  
Document Classification and Review Section  
Records Management Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Numerous Bureau files which relate or could relate to our inquiry are presently located in field offices and resident agency posts of the Bureau. Thus, the Task Force requests that you ask the following field offices to transmit the described files to FBI Headquarters under appropriate security safeguards for our review in Washington. We would very much appreciate it if these files were made available to us by December 20, 1978.

- 1) Albany - 157-65 (BAPBOMB)  
100-20218
- 2) Baltimore - 44-480 [redacted]  
157-755 (BAPBOMB)
- 3) Boston - 157-149 (BAPBOMB)
- 4) Buffalo - 157-148
- 5) Chicago - 80-255-804  
157-243  
157-400  
157-615  
157-622  
197-4
- 6) Columbia - 79-0-349  
File relating to [redacted]  
residence
- 7) Denver - 62-3089  
157-48 (BAPBOMB)
- 8) Detroit - 157-358 (BAPBOMB)  
Files relating to [redacted] and  
Viola Liuzzo  
44-643
- 9) El Paso - 105-77-47 (Liuzzo)  
157-73 (BAPBOMB)  
157-881  
Any other files referenced in El Paso's  
July 17, 1978 communication
- 10) Houston - 100-1509  
157-341 (BAPBOMB)  
62-3043

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- 11) Indianapolis - 157-93 (BAPBOMB)
- 12) Jackson - 157-1273 (BAPBOMB)  
157-15893  
157-352  
66-691
- 13) Jacksonville - 157-584  
44-487  
File on United Klans of America  
62-1608  
157-715  
157-903
- 14) Kansas City - 157-465
- 15) Las Vegas - 157-42 (BAPBOMB)
- 16) Los Angeles - 157-693  
157-0-680
- 17) Louisville - 157-171 (BAPBOMB)
- 18) Milwaukee - 62-1833  
157-125  
44-249
- 19) Minneapolis - 157-65 (BAPBOMB) which was consolidated into 62-4190
- 20) Newark - 157-1266 (BAPBOMB)
- 21) New Haven - The file referenced in its July 17, 1978 communication
- 22) New Orleans - 105-687  
173-211  
100-759
- 23) New York - 44-1140  
157-1883  
157-950  
100-16785  
100-28627
- 24) Norfolk - 157-173 (BAPBOMB)
- 25) Omaha - 157-162 (BAPBOMB)
- 26) Philadelphia - 44-894  
157-858 (BAPBOMB)
- 27) Pittsburgh - 62-3744 - the file referenced in its July 27, 1978 communication relating to BAPBOMB and Gary Thomas Rowe  
157-234 (BAPBOMB)  
87-15829
- 28) Portland - 157-180 (BAPBOMB)
- 29) St. Louis - 157-280 (BAPBOMB)
- 30) San Antonio - 157-251 (BAPBOMB)

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1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett  
1 - Mr. J. W. Awe  
1 - [REDACTED]

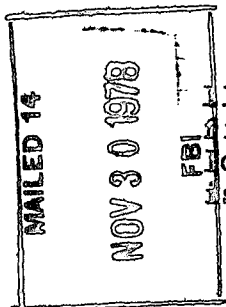
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SAC, Milwaukee (Enc.)

From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U. S. V. EATON,  
ET AL.



The Attorney General appointed captioned task force  
11/2/78 to review necessary FBI files (including Cointelpro  
files) considered germane to the task force inquiry, whether  
located at Headquarters or in field offices. The task force  
is to review the following matters:

(1) Whether personnel of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation acted improperly in dealing with  
Mr. Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., while he served as a  
Bureau informant;

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See ser. 278  
re files submitted  
to Sec 4 returned to 70

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Airtel to Albany, et al.

Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling of  
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Division's Prosecution of U. S. v. Eaton, et al.

(2) Whether Civil Rights Division attorneys who tried United States v. Eaton, et al., were aware of Mr. Rowe's alleged unreliability or suspected he was unreliable; and,

(3) Whether there is any evidence to substantiate the allegation that Mr. Rowe was responsible for the death of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo (to the extent this is possible without prejudicing the rights of Mr. Rowe or the State of Alabama in view of Rowe's recent indictment by the state).

The task force will also conduct interviews under oath, if appropriate, of present and former Department employees, including FBI Special Agents, and interviews under oath of any other person who may possess knowledge bearing on the allegations which are to be resolved. The FBI has assured task force members of our utmost cooperation. To date, FBI Headquarters files relating to Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., as he served as a Bureau informant, and other files pertaining to the death of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo and the trial of U. S. v. Eaton, et al., have been mostly reviewed.

It is the intention of the task force to visit approximately five field offices to see first-hand the files relating to this matter. In the meantime, the files of the receiving offices of this communication, as set forth in the attached list, should be Xeroxed and retained in the field office, while the original file is appropriately forwarded by registered mail, should the material be classified "Secret" or under, and under existing regulations, should the material be classified "Top Secret" or higher. The task force would like to have these files available at FBI Headquarters by 12/20/78 in order to be reviewed prior to anticipated steps it must take to complete its task by 3/1/79. It is to be noted that the attached list refers to, in certain instances, "any other files referenced in a communication with a certain date." This is confined to the administrative inquiry undertaken by the Bureau's Office of Professional Responsibility earlier this year.

Airtel to Albany, et al.

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Division's Prosecution of U. S. v. Eaton, et al.

*see ser. 278 re the submissions.*  
The files should be submitted to the attention of  
Assistant Section Chief [redacted] Document Classi-  
fication and Review Section, Room 5425, JEH Building. Should  
the above request pose a burden on any of the recipient  
offices, the problem should be telephonically communicated  
to [redacted] on extension [redacted]

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NOTE: Above request made by memorandum 11/27/78 from task  
force to [redacted] A separate communication will  
be directed to the five offices which the task force intends  
to visit shortly after the first of January, 1979. These  
offices will be Atlanta, Birmingham, San Diego, Savannah and  
Mobile; however, it is the intention of the task force to  
visit Birmingham on 12/11/78.

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*W. P. [Signature]*

*Rm 5425*

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TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND

THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U. S. V. WILLIAM O. KEATON, ET AL

RE BUREAU AIRTEL DEC. 8, 1978 AND BIRMINGHAM TEL CALL TO MOBILE  
13, 1978.

ON DEC. 3, 1978, TASK FORCE ATTORNEYS RAY HORNBLLOWER AND JOHN  
FELDER REQUESTED THAT BIRMINGHAM DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT MOBILE FBI  
HAD EVER PHOTOGRAPHED THE BODY OF VIOLA LIUZZO AND/OR WHETHER THERE  
IS ANY WAY TO OBTAIN SUCH PHOTOGRAPHS.

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MOBILE IS REQUESTED TO SUTEL RE ABOVE INFORMATION.

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December 22, 1978

To: SACs, Atlanta  
Mobile  
Savannah

1 - [redacted]  
1 - Mr. Ralph Hornblower

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From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF  
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DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U. S. V. EATON,  
ET AL.

Reference Bureau Airtel 12/8/78, and Bureau telephone call  
to Atlanta 12/21/78.

Task Force Attorney John R. Fleder intends to visit the  
Atlanta Office 12/27/78 to review the file previously designated  
by referenced Airtel, and to review the electronic surveillance files  
for [redacted]. Further, Fleder would like to review the  
following informant files:

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Atlanta is reminded that the informant files should be made  
available in accordance with instructions set out in paragraph one of  
referenced Airtel, p. 3.

In addition, Fleder would like to review Atlanta files relating  
to the United Klans of America and the National States Rights Party  
for the period 1960 through 1965.

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Task Force Attorney Donald R. Burkhalter intends to visit  
the Mobile FBI Office on 1/3/79, while Task Force Attorney William  
Malcolm Logan intends to visit Savannah FBI Office also on 1/3/79.  
Additional communications will be forthcoming should these plans change.  
Both Mobile and Savannah are reminded to be guided by instructions set  
forth in referenced Airtel.

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Airtel to Atlanta, Mobile and Savannah  
RE: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U. S. V. EATON,  
ET AL.

NOTE: Above Airtel being sent to confirm travel itinerary  
of Task Force Attorneys as previously mentioned in  
referenced Airtel.

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TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. AND  
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U. S. VS. EATON; ETAL.

RE MO TEL TO BUREAU AND BH DEC. 14, 1978 AND BH TELCALL TO  
MONTGOMERY, ALA. RA DEC. 15, 1978.

ON DEC. 15, 1978 TASK FORCE ATTORNEY RAY HORNBLOWER REQUESTED  
THAT ONE COPY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE BODY OF VIOLA LIUZZO BE OB-  
TAINED FROM ABI AND FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO BIRMINGHAM.

MOBILE REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE ABOVE REQUEST.

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1 - Mr. R. Hornblower  
1 - Mr. J. J. McDermott  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz

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To: SAC, Birmingham  
SAC, Mobile

1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett  
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From: Director, FBI

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AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES V.  
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Reference is made to the telephone call from Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) Donald Roberts, FBI, Mobile, to FBI Headquarters, 1/5/79, with respect to the task force's use of tape recorders during the interviews of FBI personnel. Reference is also made to Bureau telephone call to ASAC Roberts on the same date.

Inasmuch as the FBI has promised full cooperation with the task force, our employees, when being interviewed by the task force and a tape recorder is being utilized, should conform to the task force request; however, our employees should be reminded that they may request the interviewer to furnish a copy of the recording being made and that, since their remarks are being recorded, they should give full thought to their answers before responding and should answer directly and responsively to the questions.

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**NOTE:** ASAC Donald Roberts advised that the Office Services Manager for Mobile was being interviewed by task force attorney Donald Burkhalter when Burkhalter began using a tape recorder. The Office Services Manager and Roberts were not certain as to what rights our employees would have and communicated this problem to the task force liaison supervisor. After consultation with [REDACTED] Legal Counsel Division, and Inspector [REDACTED] Records Management Division, instructions were relayed as set forth in instant communication.

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Date 1/12/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 Attn:   
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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (66-2340)

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 AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S  
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In connection with the on-going inquiry by the  
 Task Force, a request was made during the week of 1/8-12/79  
 to interview the following retired personnel:

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 residing

On 1/11/79, Task Force member JOHN FLEDER requested  
 a current personnel roster of the Birmingham Office which  
 was furnished to him on the same date.

On 1/10/79, Task Force member JOHN FLEDER advised  
 his review of Elsur files concerning Klan matters maintained  
 by Birmingham indicate there was

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Mr. Fleder was advised that Birmingham

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 (ATTENTION: ASSISTANT SECTION CHIEF )  
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FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (62-15386)

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL RIGHT DIVISION'S PROSECUTION ET AL.

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 Reference Bureau Airtel, 11/30/78.

Enclosed are the original NY files requested in Reference Airtel (44-1140; 157-1883; 157-950; 100-16785; 100-28627).

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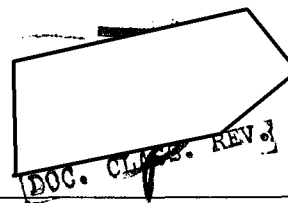
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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December 27, 1978

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

TO: [REDACTED] Assistant Section Chief  
Document Classification and Review Section  
Records Management Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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FROM: 24 Ralph Hornblower, III  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General  
Director, Gary Thomas Rowe Task Force

RE: Locating Key Witnesses in the Gary Thomas Rowe  
Investigation

As part of our investigation of the Department's handling of FBI informant Gary Thomas Rowe, we need to interview the following individuals in January 1979. We would very much appreciate it if the Bureau would provide us with, on an expedited basis, their current addresses and telephone numbers. X-125 REC-60

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It is requested that this information be obtained in as discreet a fashion as possible (e.g., searching appropriate indices and records, Birmingham telephone books, etc.) so as not to give anyone the impression that the FBI has undertaken an investigation of these individuals.

The Task Force will commence interviewing the week of January 3, 1979, and needs this information as soon as possible.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should any questions arise in handling this request. I can be reached at [REDACTED] or in Birmingham [REDACTED]

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

RH/kpm  
Attachment

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AIRTEL TO BH, MO  
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Memorandum [redacted] to Mr. Bassett  
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These instructions are: (1) That past and current FBI personnel should be instructed to cooperate fully with the task force and that they are released from their employment agreements for purposes of the contemplated interviews. They should be advised that their basic rights for an attorney to be present and against self-incrimination will be honored, should they so elect to pursue them. This caution is not intended to discourage cooperation. (2) [redacted]

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These instructions were telephonically furnished to the Birmingham Office in connection with the anticipated interviews of Special Agents [redacted] commencing 12/29/78.

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INDIVIDUALS TO BE LOCATED

[REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI (former):

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FBI Agent:

Thomas Blanton, Jr., Alabama Ku Klux Klan:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI (retired):  
[REDACTED]

Herman Cash, Alabama Ku Klux Klan:

[REDACTED]  
Robert Chambliss, Alabama Ku Klux Klan:

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[redacted] Special Agent, FBI (former):

[redacted] FBI:

[redacted] Special Agent, FBI:

Robert Shelton, Alabama Ku Klux Klan:



## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bassett *HNB/JP*FROM :  *OR*SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES  
V. EATON, ET AL.UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION1 - Mr. J. J. McDermott  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz

DATE: 1/2/79

1 - Mr. L. Colwell  
1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett  
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**PURPOSE:** To set forth basis for current and former FBI employees release from employment agreements in connection with captioned matters and agreement for the FBI to contact informants prior to task force interview.

**SYNOPSIS:** The task force was created by the Attorney General on 11/2/78 to resolve certain questions regarding Gary Thomas Rowe, former Ku Klux Klan informant, and the FBI promised full cooperation. The task force, on 12/29/78, made requests to interview two current FBI Agents in Alabama regarding background existing during the pertinent period. Also, it submitted a list of names of individuals the task force intends to interview commencing January, 1979. Basic procedures concerning task force interview of current and past FBI personnel and the agreement that the FBI will make the initial contact with informants were arranged 12/29/78. FBI, Birmingham, was notified telephonically.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the attached airtel be forwarded to the Special Agents in Charge, Birmingham and Mobile, confirming the authority and instructions concerning the task force interviews of FBI past and current personnel

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DETAILS: Mr. J. B. Adams to Mr. Bassett memorandum, dated 11/7/78, captioned as above, set forth the preliminary negotiations and original meeting between task force personnel and FBI representatives in connection with discharging the Attorney General's mandate. During a meeting held in Director Webster's office on 11/6/78 attended by members of the task force, including Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility, Department of Justice, and Assistant Director Colwell, the FBI's cooperation was pledged by Director Webster. According to Assistant Director Colwell as discussed on 12/29/78, Director Webster's pledge of cooperation clearly carried with it a release from employment agreements on the part of present and former Bureau employees as relates to the mandate of the task force.

Assistant Director Mintz indicated that in his opinion, this would be a sufficient basis for a current or former employee to be released from his employment agreement when so specifically notified.

On 12/29/78, Mr. Ray Hornblower, III, Task Force Leader, telephonically requested of the Bureau liaison Agent the authority for task force attorneys [redacted] [redacted] currently in the FBI Birmingham Office, to interview Special Agents [redacted] Senior Resident Agent, Montgomery, Alabama, and [redacted] currently assigned to Birmingham, as to the general background of events under inquiry in Alabama during the pertinent period (1960-65), with particular emphasis on FBI jurisdiction at that time.

In addition, Mr. Hornblower furnished a list of individuals the task force intends to interview commencing January, 1979. [redacted]

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[redacted] Through consultation with Mr. Hornblower, it was agreeable to the task force that the FBI have the opportunity to advise its personnel, both current and former, [redacted]

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1 - Mr. R. Hornblower  
1 - Mr. J. J. McDermott  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz  
1 - Mr. L. Colwell  
1/5/79

To: SAC, Birmingham (Enclosure)  
SAC, Mobile (Enclosure)

1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett

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From: Director, FBI

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AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES V.  
EATON, ET AL.

Reference is made to Bureau airtels 11/30/78 and 12/8/78, captioned as above, setting forth the basic mandate of captioned task force. Reference is also made to Bureau telephone call to Assistant Special Agent in Charge Lloyd Warnken, FBI, Birmingham, 12/29/78, concerning the request of the task force to interview Special Agents [REDACTED]  
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The task force has agreed to the following: You should instruct both Agents that they should cooperate fully with the task force and that they are released from their employment agreements for purposes of the contemplated interviews. Both Special Agents should be advised that their basic rights for an attorney to be present and against self-incrimination will be honored, should they so elect to pursue them. This caution is not intended to discourage cooperation. Further, these instructions are to apply to task force interviews of all past and current FBI personnel, and you are reminded that referenced communications set forth the Director's pledge of the FBI's utmost cooperation in this inquiry.

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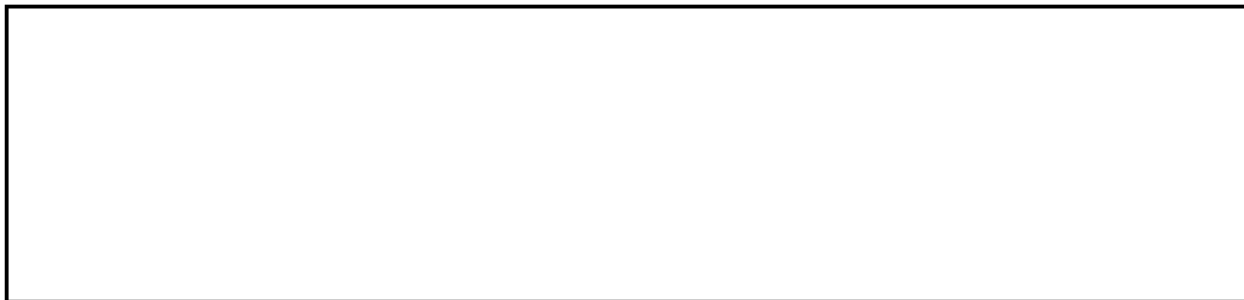
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To: SAC, Birmingham  
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From: Director, FBI

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Reference is made to Bureau airtel 1/5/79 setting  
forth basic instructions about contacting former and current  
personnel [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Reference is  
also made to Bureau telephone call to Birmingham on 1/16/79.



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1 - Rowe Task Force  
Mr. R. Hornblower

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With respect to the list of individuals forwarded with referenced airtel, the task force and FBI do not want any "active" investigation consisting of contacts with former neighbors, landlords, employers, associates and so forth wherein an aura will be created that possibly the individual is involved in wrongdoing. However, the task force and FBI Headquarters agree that a routine check of records of established sources, such as motor vehicles, police departments, voting, local property tax, divorce action, etc., that is, those public source records readily available for review, should be so checked by FBI personnel in order to assist the task force. In this regard, as a practical matter, Birmingham should assume an "Office of Origin" posture and set out appropriate leads to Mobile to handle statewide record checks. In addition, Birmingham should set out appropriate leads to surrounding offices in Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Tennessee; however, any trail or path that leads to other areas of the country should be submitted to FBI Headquarters where the impact on FBI resources will be evaluated prior to requesting additional checks by distant offices.

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NOTE: The sensitive issue of contacting former and current  
FBI personnel [redacted] was set forth in  
[redacted] to Mr. Bassett memorandum dated 1/2/79, which recommended  
referenced airtel above to be sent to Birmingham and Mobile.

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Mr. Hornblower, on 1/15/79, the instructions as set forth in  
this airtel were agreed to. In view of the Director's promise  
of full cooperation, it is felt these instructions will not  
heavily impact on our resources.

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (66-2340)

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 AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S  
 PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES v.  
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ReButelcall to Birmingham, 1/9/79, and  
 BHtelcall to Bureau, 1/9/79.

Enclosed for the Bureau are copies of the follow-  
 ing:

1. Roster of Special Agents assigned to the Birmingham Office, dated 9/10/63.
2. Roster of Special Agents assigned to the Birmingham Division, dated 1/31/64.
3. Roster of Special Agents and Support Personnel on special assignment to the Birmingham Office following BAPBOMB, which occurred on 9/15/63.

Copies of the enclosed rosters were obtained from a secretary of the Birmingham Office and not from official records. The secretary was maintaining these rosters among memorabilia in connection with her long term employment with the Bureau.

On 1/9/79, copies of the enclosed rosters were made available to Task Force Attorney JOHN FLEDER. It was

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explained to Mr. FLEDER that the rosters were not from official records of the Birmingham Office.

In connection with the roster of personnel on special assignment it has been determined from current employees of the Birmingham Office that the individuals on special assignment were in Birmingham from approximately the last of September 1963 until approximately December 1, 1963.

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## Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Bassett *KWB/ATP*

DATE: 1/5/79

FROM : 

1 - Mr. R. Hornblower

1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett

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SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF  
 GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
 DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES  
 V. EATON, ET AL.

PURPOSE: To advise of the request to utilize services of a  
 GS-5 FBI support person to assist the task force  
 in assembling documents extracted from FBI files.

DETAILS: Previous memoranda have set forth the background  
 and nature of captioned task force and the Direc-  
 tor's pledge that the FBI will cooperate fully in discharging  
 its mandate. Since formulation mid-November, 1978, in space  
 contiguous to the Congressional Inquiry Unit (CIU), Document  
 Classification and Review Section,  GS-5,  
 assigned to CIU, has been assisting the task force by Xerox-  
 ing those documents from FBI files, both Headquarters and  
 field, which the task force is compiling to discharge its  
 mandate. This has taken at most two hours per day for  
 to so perform and conforms to our established  
 procedures of making the appropriate notation of original  
 material so copied. On 12/29/78, the task force indicated  
 and formally requested that on 1/5/79 they be allowed to  
 utilize  in the task of assembling and numbering  
 those documents gleaned from FBI files. This would entail  
 roughly three to four weeks of daily full-time performance.

In view of the possible impact on manpower utili-  
 zation and the possible appearance of an FBI employee in  
 assisting the task force in preparing its report, these  
 issues were discussed and the task force opined it did not  
 feel the services of  in this capacity would  
 hinder its mandate. Further, it was indicated it did not  
 anticipate any additional requests for such manpower involve-  
 ment and noted it did not have the resources to utilize a

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Department support person. With this in mind and the Director's pledge of cooperation, it is felt that  should do the clerical work requested.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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TO : Mr. Bassett *infer*

DATE: 12/20/78

FROM : J. W. Awe *AW*SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR  
INFORMATION: GARY THOMAS ROWE  
TASK FORCEPURPOSE:

To provide results of Elsur Index search of  
12/19/78 to Departmental Task Force.

DETAILS:

On 12/19/78, John Fleder, attorney assigned the  
Departmental Task Force regarding Gary Thomas Rowe,  
telephonically requested one Elsur Index search of the  
following:

1. ~~National States Rights Party~~
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As a result of this request, Elsur Index search  
slips were prepared on each of the three items to be  
searched.

Upon searching these items, Elsur Index cards  
possibly identical were extracted and xeroxed.

Two sets of the product of the search have been  
prepared and are attached to this memo. The original search  
slips and one set of the Attachments are being maintained  
with the Elsur Index.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Document Classification  
Review Section make the attachments available to the Task  
Force.

## Enclosure

1 - Mr. Bassett

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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December 26, 1978

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

TO: [redacted] Assistant Section Chief  
Document Classification and Review Section  
Records Management Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: *RA* Ralph Hornblower, III  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General  
Director, Rowe Task Force  
*JM* John R. Fleder, Attorney, Rowe Task Force

RE: Supplemental Inquiry to FBI Field Offices

On July 14, 1978, the Director asked the Bureau's field offices to search their indices for references to, among others, Gary Thomas Rowe. The Rowe Task Force requests that Bureau Headquarters ask the field offices to supplement their indices search by looking for any reference to Gary Thomas Rowe, Tommy Rowe, Thomas Neil Moore, (2)

[redacted]  
[redacted] in any of the following files:

1) United Klans of America in the period of 1960-1965 inclusive;

2) *Ex-104* **REC-115 62-118023-218X** Klux Klan in the period of 1960-1965 inclusive;

3) Any other files relating to a Klan-type organization in the period of 1960-1965;

4) The bombing of the [redacted] in [redacted] on May 12, 1963;

5) The bombing of the residence of [redacted] on August 20, 1963 and September 4, 1963;

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6) The bombing of 1610 Center Street in Birmingham on September 25, 1963;

7) The National States Rights Party; and

8) Racial violence occurring in the Trailways Bus Terminal in Birmingham on May 14, 1961.

This supplemental request has been made necessary by our search of Headquarters and Birmingham files, and is in accordance with Mr. Shaheen's July 14, 1978 memorandum to the Bureau requesting a search of all Bureau files which may in any way pertain to Mr. Rowe.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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1 - Mr. Ralph Hornblower  
1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett  
1 - Mr. J. W. Awe

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To: SAC, Atlanta (Enclosure)  
SAC, Birmingham (Enclosure)  
SAC, Mobile (Enclosure)  
SAC, San Diego (Enclosure)  
SAC, Savannah (Enclosure)

From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U. S. V. EATON,  
ET AL.

Reference Bureau telephone call to Birmingham on  
12/4/78 and Bureau teletype 12/8/78, no copy to Atlanta,  
Mobile, San Diego or Savannah.

The Attorney General appointed captioned task force  
11/2/78 to review necessary FBI files (including Cointelpro  
files) considered germane to the task force inquiry, whether  
located at Headquarters or in field offices. The task force  
is to review the following matters:

(1) Whether personnel of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation acted improperly in dealing with  
Mr. Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., while he served as a  
Bureau informant;

(2) Whether Civil Rights Division attorneys who  
tried United States v. Eaton, et al., were aware  
of Mr. Rowe's alleged unreliability or suspected  
he was unreliable; and

(3) Whether there is any evidence to substantiate  
the allegation that Mr. Rowe was responsible for  
the death of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo (to the extent this  
is possible without prejudicing the rights of  
Mr. Rowe or the State of Alabama in view of  
Rowe's recent indictment by the state).

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The task force will also conduct interviews under oath, if appropriate, of present and former Department employees, including FBI Special Agents, and interviews under oath of any other person who may possess knowledge bearing on the allegations which are to be resolved. The FBI has assured task force members of our utmost cooperation. To date, FBI Headquarters files relating to Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., as he served as a Bureau informant, files pertaining to the death of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo and the trial of United States v. [redacted] et al., [redacted] files,

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[redacted] and some Cointelpro files concerning White Hate groups have been reviewed.

It is the intention of the task force to visit Birmingham Field Office on 12/11/78 in order to look into Birmingham files as set forth on the attached list. After the first of the year, the task force intends to visit Atlanta, Mobile, San Diego and Savannah Field Offices to review the files also included on the attached list. These offices will be notified ~~separately~~ as to the date of the travel of the task force. Members of the task force are as follows: Ralph Hornblower, III; William Malcolm Logan; John R. Fleder, and Donald R. Burkhalter.

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In addition to the list of files on the attached list for Birmingham, the task force, on 12/1/78, requested the following Birmingham Field Office files be made available: (1) files [redacted] (2) all documents received by, disseminated by or circulated within their offices as to Cointelpro proposals and actions relating to White Hate organizations; (3) [redacted]

In addition, the task force has expressed the need to examine all FBI files in the field and at Headquarters containing information obtained from any wiretaps, electronic devices, surreptitious entries, or mail covers or openings that the Bureau [redacted]

[redacted] may have installed or undertaken [redacted] from 1955 to the date on which intelligence gathering of this type was terminated. Headquarters electronic surveillance activity is being handled separately; however, Birmingham should be prepared to handle the mail covers or openings as expressed above.



Airtel to Atlanta, et al.

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The field office Rowe file will be made available in its  
"raw" condition; [redacted]

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In order to avoid any possible appearance of conflict of interests, personnel utilized in processing this request should have had no personal involvement with the matters set forth on page 1 of this communication.

Should any issue develop in connection with the task force survey which the field division feels requires Headquarters guidance, contact should be made with Assistant Section Chief [redacted] extension [redacted] who is acting as liaison contact for this task force.

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NOTE: See Bureau teletype to Birmingham, 12/8/78, captioned as above.

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., FORMER KLAN INFORMANT, ADMINISTRATIVE  
INQUIRY

ON JULY, 14, 1978, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ)  
REQUESTED THE FBI TO CONDUCT AS THOROUGHLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY  
AS POSSIBLE AN INQUIRY BASED UPON ALLEGATIONS OF POSSIBLE  
IMPROPER ACTIONS BY PERSONNEL OF THE FBI IN DEALING WITH  
EX-INFORMANT ROWE.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
HAS REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO KEEP IT FULLY  
INFORMED AS TO THE SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY OF THE INQUIRIES  
PERTAINING TO MR. ROWE.

ALL SACS AND LEGATS ARE INSTRUCTED TO IMPLEMENT THE  
FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS AND FURNISH RESULTS OF YOUR EFFORTS BY

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ENCLOSURE

TELETYPE TO FBIHQ, ATTENTION OPR, ROOM 765D, BY CLOSE OF  
BUSINESS MONDAY, JULY, 17, 1978:

{1} SEARCH INDICES FOR ALL REFERENCES TO: {A} GARY THOMAS  
ROWE, JR., AKA. TOMMY ROWE, THOMAS NEIL MOORE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DOB 8/15/30 OR 8/15/33, POB: SAVANNAH, GEORGIA,  
FBI NUMBER 9215000; {B} [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.; VIOLA LIUZZO -  
VICTIM, CR-ELECTION LAWS, [REDACTED] VICTIM;

{C} BAPBOMB, BOMBING OF THE 16TH STREET CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 15,  
1963, IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND {D} THE BOMBING OF RESIDENCE  
OF [REDACTED] 9/8/63.

{2} WHERE A REFERENCE IS LOCATED, YOU SHOULD PERSONALLY  
ASSURE THIS MATERIAL IS IDENTIFIED, COLLECTED AND SECURED.  
FURNISH FBIHQ WITH LIST OF ALL FILE NUMBERS AND ESTIMATED VOLUME  
OF MATERIAL IN YOUR POSSESSION.

{3} WHERE YOUR INDICES SEARCH REFLECTS REFERENCES TO FILE  
MATERIAL NO LONGER IN THE POSSESSION OF YOUR OFFICE, YOU SHOULD  
FURNISH TO FBIHQ THE DISPOSITION AND BASIS.

{4} ADVISE FBIHQ IF NO REFERENCES ARE LOCATED.

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THAT RELEVANT BUREAU FILES MAY HAVE BEEN "PURGED" AND TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF LATER QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS ALONG THIS SAME LINE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL FRI FILES WHICH MAY IN ANY WAY PERTAIN TO MR. ROWE AND HIS ACTIVITIES, BOTH AT HEADQUARTERS AND FIELD OFFICES, BE COLLECTED, ACCOUNTED FOR AND APPROPRIATELY SECURED BY YOU OR SOMEONE DESIGNATED BY YOU.

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1 - Mr. Hornblower  
1 - Mr. J. J. McDermott  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz  
1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett

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To: SAC, Atlanta (44-1987)  
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SAC, Jacksonville (44-1987)  
SAC, Knoxville (44-1987)  
SAC, Mobile (44-1987)  
SAC, Savannah (44-1987)  
SAC, Tampa (44-1987)

STATE POLICE RECEIVING FBI'S REQUEST OF CHIEF TROOPER ROSE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES V.  
BAIRD, ET AL.

For the information of the Jacksonville and Charlotte Offices who have not been previously advised of the captioned task force matters, enclosed is a copy of Bureau airtel to SACs, Atlanta, Birmingham, Mobile, San Diego and Savannah dated 12/3/70, which sets forth the background, matters and instructions by which airtels matters are to be handled in connection with this task force. Copies of this communication are also being forwarded to the Jacksonville and Tampa Offices for their reference.

Reference is also made to Bureau teletype to all offices dated 7/14/78, captioned "CARRY OUTLINE BOOK, IS. FORMS CLASSIFICATION, ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRY." Copies of which are being enclosed for all recipient offices for their ready reference.

The Reno Task Force has now requested that the respective Field Offices of instant communication supplement their previous indices search on C.C. Forns to referenced take-type by looking for any references to Gary Thomas Fove, Terry Dean, Thomas Earl Moore, [redacted] or

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completing this follow-up search, it is the request of the

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Rights Division's Prosecution of  
United States v. Bates, et al.

Last Corps that those offices which locate a main file or a reference to the organizations set out below, that this file or reference be reviewed by office personnel on a page-by-page basis in order to determine whether any reference to items as mentioned above is developed. Should such a reference or serial be located, the office should be prepared to forward it to WFO to the attention of Assistant Section Chief [redacted] Room 5415, JED Building, who should also be contacted should any of the requests set out herein pose a burden on the recipient offices.

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The pertinent period for which this search or review should be conducted is from July 1, 1963 through June 30, 1968. Klan organizations to be searched and reviewed are set out hereinafter:

1. Association of Arkansas Klans of the  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
2. Association of Georgia Klans.
3. Association of South Carolina Klans,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
4. Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,  
Kinston, West Virginia.
5. Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux  
Klan, Inc.
6. Improved Order of the U. S. Klans,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
7. Independent Klavern, Fountain, Mo.
8. Independent Klan Unit, St. Augustine,  
Florida.

**Airtel to Atlanta**

**Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling  
of Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr. and Civil  
Rights Division's Prosecution of  
United States v. Bates, et al.**

9. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Klan.
10. Mississippi Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
11. National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.
12. Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
13. Pioneer Club, Orlando, Florida.
14. United Florida Ku Klux Klan.
15. United Klans of America, Inc., Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan.
16. U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux  
Klan, Inc.
17. White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of  
Mississippi.

In addition, Cahaba River Group, the Alabama States Rights Party and the National States Rights Party should be similarly checked. Atlanta only may eliminate National States Rights Party as this file was already reviewed by task force. Recipient offices should bear in mind that there is no need to review page by page any communication in its files originated by the Birmingham Office.

In addition to the above, an indices search for any references and main files developed should be reviewed as above for the following:

- a) The bombing of the [redacted]  
on May 11, 1963;

- b) Bombing of the residence of [redacted]

[redacted]  
August 26, 1963, and September 4, 1963.

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c) The bombing of 1610 Center Street in  
Birmingham on September 25, 1963;

d) Racial violence occurring in the Trailways  
Bus Terminal in Birmingham on May 14, 1961,  
and the bus bombing in Anniston, Alabama,  
also on May 14, 1961. These instances  
may have been reported under "Terrorism."

Should any reference or file be located in the  
aforementioned categories c, b, e, d, the originals  
should be forwarded to FBIHQ to the attention of SA  
[redacted] (above), keeping a carbon copy of material for-  
warded in field files. This review will be performed  
by the task force at FBIHQ.

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The task force recognizes the above may possibly  
involve a substantial review on the part of some of the  
offices; however, it is essential that it be done as  
expeditiously as possible.



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Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling  
of Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr. and Civil  
Rights Division's Prosecution of  
United States v. Eaton, et al.

NOTE: The above airtel is being sent in response to the task force's written request dated 12/26/78, a copy of which is attached. As is to be noticed, the original request of the task force was so broad and in some instances nonspecific so that their request to solicit the same type of search and supplemental review for all Field Offices posed an unreasonable burden on FBI resources. Accordingly, through negotiations with Mr. Ralph Hornblower, Task Force Head and Task Force Attorney Fleder, the FBI's problems were brought to their attention and they agreed to limit the request to the recipient offices or those offices in which Rowe traveled to as an FBI informant. The Klan organizations designated were agreed to in order to avoid varying interpretations on the part of the Field Offices should the expression any "Klan-type" organization be so searched. While the instant request still involves a substantial amount of FBI resources, in view of the Director's promise of full cooperation, it is felt essential to pursue the request as outlined in instant airtel.

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Date DEC. 28, 1978

TO: Director, FBI **62-118023**  
 Attention - Assistant Section Chief   
 Document Classification & Review Section,  
 Room 5425, JEH Building

FROM: *TMJ* SAC, New Orleans (66-2957)

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., &  
 CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U.S. vs EATON, ET AL

Re Bureau airtel to Albany, etc., dated 11/30/78.

Referenced airtel listed instructions for New Orleans  
 Files 100-759, 105-687, and 173-211.

On 12/5/78 Assistant Section Chief (ASC)   
 FBIHQ, was provided the following information concerning the  
 three New Orleans files:

NO 100-759 consisted of sixty-one volumes with a total  
 of 4,390 serials;

NO 105-687 *REC 1262-118023-2/8X2* consisted of ninety-six volumes with a total  
 of 7,199 serials;

NO 173-211 has been destroyed.

ASC  requested an estimate of the time and cost  
 which would be required for New Orleans to provide copies of  
 the above listed serials.

On 12/7/78 ASC  was advised that according to  
 a visual survey conducted by the Office Services Manager of

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the New Orleans Division, there would be approximately 88,000 pages to Xerox. This Xeroxing would take approximately 880 hours, with the cost of material estimated at \$3,520.00, and an estimated employees salaries at \$4,400.00. Also, per instructions, ASC [ ] was advised NO 173-211 had been destroyed in the normal course of business according to Manual of Administrative Operations & Procedures.

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On 12/7/78 ASC [ ] advised the New Orleans Division should hold any action in abeyance until further instructions were received.

On approximately 12/14/78 ASC [ ] advised the New Orleans Division would be telephonically contacted by DON BERKHALTER, who is an attorney with captioned Task Force. ASC [ ] stated Mr. BERKHALTER desired to discuss the contents of the New Orleans files mentioned above to make a determination of what serials would be required by the Task Force.

On 12/21/78 Mr. BERKHALTER, supra, telephonically contacted the New Orleans Division, stating the file numbers provided in captioned matter were provided by FBIHQ as a result of a teletype from Director, FBI, to all SACs, dated 7/14/78, captioned "GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., former klan informant, Administrative Inquiry." No Bureau file number listed. Mr. BERKHALTER stated of the names listed in this teletype, he wanted to know what names were found in New Orleans Files 100-759 and 105-687. He requested no information concerning New Orleans File 173-211, since it had been previously destroyed.

On 12/21/78 the file captioned "GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., former klan informant, Administrative Inquiry," was reviewed, and it was determined the New Orleans indices contained the following reference for GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.:

NO 105-687-5431, Page 3, and  
NO 105-687-1127, Page 8.

Indices also indicated a reference to [ ] (not further identified) in NO 100-759-1A-192; -1A-193; -1A-985, -1A-1016, Page 7, and -1A-2823, Page 32.

On 12/21/78 Mr. BERKHALTER was provided with this information. He stated he would talk to other members of the Task

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Force and would advise New Orleans of what further action should be taken.

On 12/27/78 Mr. BERKHALTER telephonically contacted the New Orleans Division. He stated it was the determination of the Task Force that they would require copies of those serials which were indicated in the New Orleans indices as they pertained to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., and [REDACTED]. He stated to make copies of those specific serials only, and no copies of other documents or serials were necessary.

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Mr. BERKHALTER was advised the actual documents indicated as referring to [REDACTED] were forwarded to the Louisville Division on 8/1/66, as that Division had become office of origin in that particular case. Mr. BERKHALTER requested this fact be noted in the communication forwarding the requested documents to his Task Force.

New Orleans will prepare Xerox copies of the necessary documents and will forward the originals to FBIHQ per instructions in referenced communication.

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To: SAC, Birmingham

From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES, V.  
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Reference Bureau telephone call to Supervisor [redacted]

1/26/79.

As you are aware, the captioned task force intends to return to Birmingham 1/29/79 to resume an extensive interview phase of their inquiry. Accompanying them for the first time will be task force member Marydale Drury, a member of the task force [redacted]

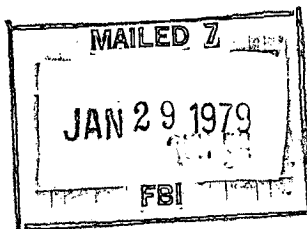
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In addition, the task force is sending, through Bureau mail channels, material which they will need in order to conduct the interviews.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (197-18) (P)

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
 DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES  
 V. EATON, ET AL.

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta and other offices 1/10/79.

Re Charlotte telephone call to Bureau 1/24/79.

For background information in this matter, enclosed for the Columbia office are 2 Xerox copies of Bureau teletype to all Field Offices dated 7/14/78, Bureau airtel to all Offices 7/20/78, Bureau teletype to all SACs 7/14/78, Bureau airtel to Atlanta 12/8/78, and Bureau airtel to Atlanta 1/10/79.

A review of Charlotte indices in this matter discloses that numerous files dealing with the Klan have been forwarded to the Columbia office as indicated on Form FD-160, Indices Search Slip.

Accordingly, there is being enclosed for the Columbia office 2 Xerox copies of Form FD-160 reflecting those files which have been forwarded to the Columbia office. Savannah should note that it is probable that the Savannah office has also forwarded numerous files to the Columbia office.

Columbia is requested to review the files in its possession as instructed by referenced Bureau airtel to Atlanta 1/10/79. Any questions should be brought to attention of Asst. Section Chief

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Date 1/18/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: ASSISTANT SECTION CHIEF  
[REDACTED]  
ROOM 5425 JEH Building)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (62-1210) (P)

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING  
OF GARY THOMAS<sup>2</sup> ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL  
RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF  
UNITED STATES V. EATON, ET AL.

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta January 10, 1979.

For the information of the Bureau, Knoxville Office indices were negative concerning GARY THOMAS ROWE, Jr. as this name was apparently not indexed in the Knoxville Office until a communication from the above captioned case was directed to the Knoxville Office by teletype July 14, 1978, of the list of 17 organizations listed in referenced airtel. Knoxville has 122 volumes of files concerning certain of the Klan organizations listed which would have been accumulated from July 1, 1960, to June 30, 1965. This is only about one-fourth of the number of volumes of cases on these organizations in the Knoxville Office.

The following individuals and associates listed in referenced airtel do have files in the Knoxville Office which will have to be reviewed:

1. ROBERT SHELTON, aka Bobby
2. THOMAS NEIL MOORE
3. ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA KLANS
4. ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KLANS  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

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5. CHRISTIAN KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
HINTON, WEST VIRGINIA
6. DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
7. IMPROVED ORDER OF THE U.S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
8. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, AKA
9. NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN INC.
10. ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
11. UNITED FLORIDA, KU KLUX KLAN
12. UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
13. U.S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
14. NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY

The following were searched and no record found  
in the indices of the Knoxville Office:

1. ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS KLANS OF THE  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
2. INDEPENDENT KLAVERN, FOUNTAIN INN
3. INDEPENDENT KLAN UNIT, ST AUGUSTINE, FLA.
4. MISSISSIPPI KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
5. PIONEER CLUB, ORLANDO, FLORIDA
6. WHITE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN OF MISSISSIPPI
7. CAHABA RIVER GROUP
8. ALABAMA STATES RIGHTS PARTY
9. BOMBING OF THE RESIDENCE OF

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10. BOMBING OF 1610 CENTER STREET
11. TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL, Racial violence occurring in the
12. BUS BOMBING
13. FREEBUS

The following individuals or cases had no record in the Knoxville indices until communications on the above captioned cases were received by the Knoxville Office:

1. VIOLA LIUZZO
2. Bombing of [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]
4. GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.
5. TOMMY ROWE
6. GARY THOMAS ROWE

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On 1/17/79, personnel of the Knoxville Office reviewed a sample volume to determine the length of time it would take to review the files on a page by page basis. It was determined that it would take a minimum of three hours to review these volumes on a page by page basis based on the representative sample. Since there are 122 volumes falling within the time span of July 1, 1960, through June 30, 1965, it would take one employee working exclusively full time for 24 work days to complete this project. The Records and Administrative Services section does not have any personnel at this time that could be diverted full time to this review and nothing else. They already have two employees working on an over time basis on a review project on a RICO case and other employees in the Communications and Correspondence section working on a special project for the Chattanooga RA. To require Agent personnel to complete this project, it could not be done on a full time basis since they would have to maintain their case load as well as working on this project and also would have to interrupt the project to respond to reactive type cases which come up.

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Due to the limited number of personnel in the Knoxville Office, it does not appear that this review project can be done on an expeditious basis. The Bureau is requested to advise whether or not some of these file reviews should have priority over others or if some of them could be deleted.

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Attn: [redacted]  
1 - Mr. Bassett  
1/25/79  
1 - [redacted]

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To: SAC, Knoxville (62-1210)  
From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING  
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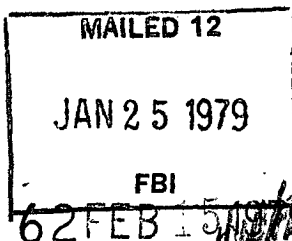
Reference is made to Knoxville's airtel 1/18/79, pointing out the impact on manpower resources of the Knoxville Office in connection with captioned Task Force request to supplement an indices search originally set forth 7/14/78. Reference is also made to Bureau telephone call to SA [redacted] Knoxville Office, 1/24/79.

The Task Force has reviewed the manpower projected by Knoxville in order to complete this file review and deems it essential to the Task Force's mission to have it completed. In accordance with the information furnished telephonically 1/24/79, your Office is authorized to utilize the services of four support persons on an average of four hours' daily overtime for approximately two weeks in order to complete the review required.

NOTE: Bureau airtel to Atlanta 1/10/79, sets out instructions at the request of the Task Force to supplement an all-offices indices search for information about former informant, Rowe. That communication was directed to those offices in which Rowe had actually acted as an informant (seven in number). Knoxville pointed out the limited personnel available to conduct what they estimated would be 24 work days full time for one employee to complete the page-by-page review required. This was coordinated with SA [redacted] Administrative Services Division, who said, "The required overtime for Knoxville to complete this search could be assimilated," and instant communication is being directed to authorize Knoxville to initiate the required review.

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RE AT TELCALL ADVISED THAT TASK FORCE ATTORNEY JOHN FLEDER  
HAD REQUESTED THAT [REDACTED] BE CONTACTED  
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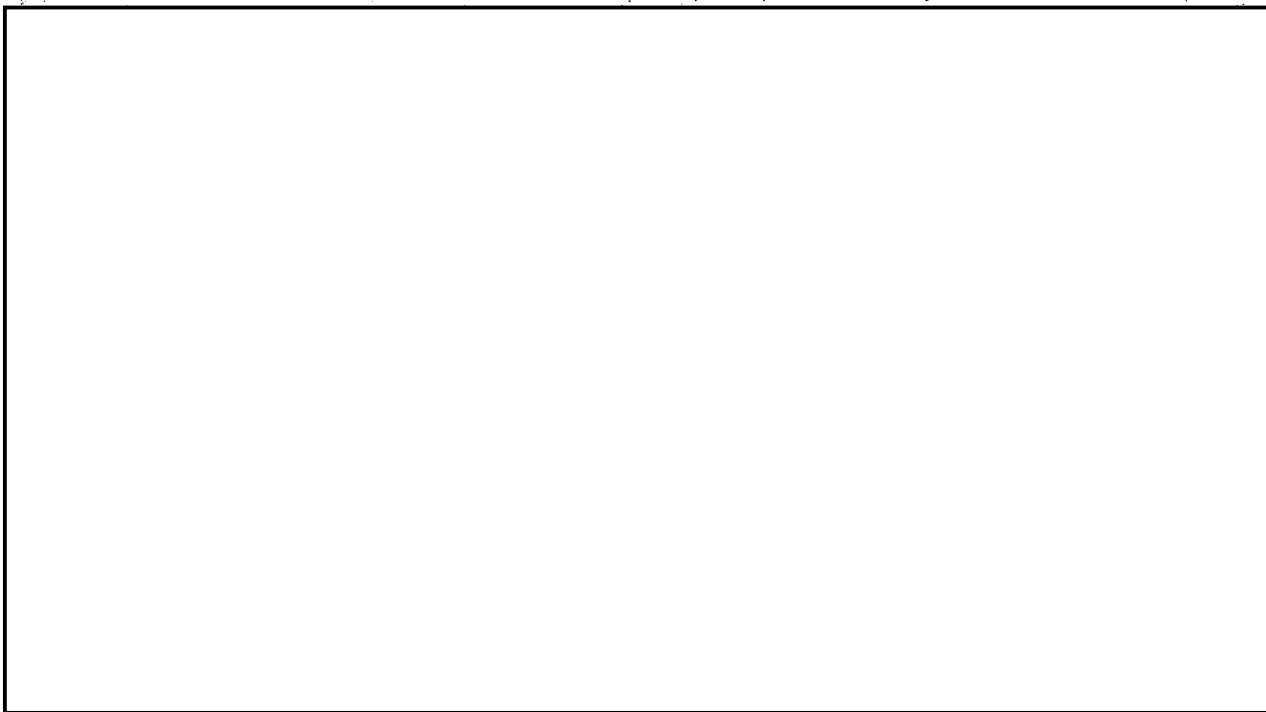
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THE TASK FORCE HAS BEEN IN BIRMINGHAM SINCE JANUARY 29,  
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ATLANTA (62-3038) ROUTINE

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RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, MOBILE AND ATLANTA,  
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ON FEBRUARY 1, 1979, [REDACTED] LOCATED

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FORCE [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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January 31, 1979

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: [redacted] Assistant Section Chief  
Document Classification and Review Section  
Records Management Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: RH Ralph Hornblower, III  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General  
Director, Gary Thomas Rowe Task Force

RE: Supplemental Procedures for Contacting [redacted]  
[redacted] - Gary Thomas Rowe Task Force  
Investigation

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According to today's telephone conversation  
with John Fleder, you have asked the Task Force to advise  
you of our request for supplemental procedures for inter-  
viewing [redacted]

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Date 1/31/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
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 ASSISTANT SECTION CHIEF  
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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (66-2340)

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ReButelcall of FBIHQ Supervisor DONALD PERRINE,  
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In accordance with request from the Task Force,  
 Birmingham is having an unidentified measured line instal-  
 led on 2/1/79 for a temporary period. It will be located  
 in an area of the Birmingham Office currently being  
 utilized as work space for the Task Force and will not be  
 utilized or answered by FBI personnel.

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Mr. Ralph Hornblower, III, Director  
Rowe Task Force

January 29, 1979

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Reference is made to your memorandum of January 4, 1979, requesting a list of the Agents who were stationed at the Birmingham Field Office during the period 1963 through 1964. Reference is also made to your request that inspection reports for the period July 1, 1960, through June 30, 1965, for the Birmingham Office be located and copies furnished to the task force. Reference is also made to several of your oral requests concerning addresses of former and current FBI personnel.

As you have been furnished through the Birmingham Office, a listing of personnel assigned to that office was furnished by a member of the Birmingham staff who had the list of names available in her mementos; it is to be noted, however, this list was not an official record of the Birmingham Office inasmuch as such lists are not regularly maintained. In this regard, it is to be noted that former Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Everett J. Ingram died on January 8, 1973, while former Special Agent Henry Snow died in 1974.

The Birmingham Office does not maintain a copy of inspection reports in accordance with the normal destruction procedures of material of that nature. Likewise, the field office inspection reports are maintained at FBI Headquarters only for a ten-year period. Consequently, there are no inspection reports available covering the period 1960 through 1965. As has been indicated to you orally, the summary of these inspection findings are normally maintained in the personnel file of the SAC in office at the time of the inspection. Accordingly, at your request, attached are copies of the Inspectors' findings in summary form as it appears in the personnel file of the SAC. In this regard, there follows a listing of the SACs and the period for which they served in Birmingham:

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Mr. Ralph Hornblower, III  
Director  
Rowe Task Force

**SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE**

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Name</u>
November 28, 1960	December 10, 1961	Thomas J. Jenkins
December 16, 1961	March 13, 1962	George M. Peet
March 17, 1962	October 19, 1962	Henry A. Fitzgibbon
October 15, 1962	June 29, 1964	Raymond L. Faisst
June 23, 1964	December 30, 1965	Everett J. Ingram
December 31, 1965	January 27, 1967	James L. McGovern

**ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE**

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Name</u>
September 15, 1959	August 30, 1961	Kenneth N. Raby
July 24, 1961	December 12, 1965	Robert Jensen
December 13, 1965	April 16, 1969	Ralph Rampton

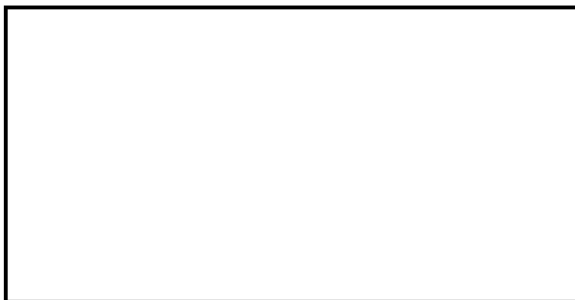
If there is an overlap in dates above, basically the FBI desired the incoming SAC to be introduced to leaders of the community in order to gain the advantage of a smooth transition. This was not always possible in each instance.

There follows a listing of names and addresses of individuals, predominantly former FBI personnel, whom you have indicated you intend to interview:

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Director  
Rowe Task Force



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Robert G. Jensen



Kenneth N. Raby



Raymond L. Faisst



Henry A. Fitzgibbon



Thomas Jenkins



George M. Peet



It is recognized this does not respond to each and every outstanding request the task force has made, both orally and in writing; however, it represents a record of most of the matters under which discussions have been held between us.

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Date 2/8/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (197-12(RUC))

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING  
 OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL  
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 CO, 2/1/79.

Referenced Charlotte airtel enclosed xerox copies of Form FD-160 reflecting files which had been forwarded to the Columbia Office after its opening. All of these references which had not been destroyed were reviewed pursuant to previous instructions concerning this inquiry and there was no reference to GARY THOMAS ROWE, THOMAS NEIL MOORE, [redacted] or any reference to [redacted]. There was no reference to any information originating in the Columbia Division concerning the bombing of the residence of [redacted] death of VIOLA LIUZZO, or the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church of Birmingham.

Savannah referred five files which had been forwarded to Columbia and references were also negative.

Bureau should note that Columbia only reviewed those files referred to it by the Charlotte and Savannah Offices in referenced communications.

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Mr. Ralph Hornblower, III, Director  
Rowe Task Force

February 9, 1979

Assistant Section Chief  
Document Classification and Review Section  
Records Management Division

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF  
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DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES  
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Reference is made to your telephone call from Birmingham, February 6, 1979, requesting a search of Mr. Hoover's official and confidential records, together with those previously labeled as "Do Not File," which were maintained in Mr. Hoover's office. You requested that a search of these files be made for any reference to Gary Rowe and his aliases as set forth in prior communications.

For your information, the "Do Not File" material maintained in Mr. Hoover's office was assimilated into the official and confidential files kept in Mr. Hoover's office, all of which are now isolated and retained in our Special File Room. All the material of the "Do Not File" category pertains to electronic surveillances during the World War II period only and, without going into specific details, obviously could not pertain to the mandate of this task force.

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The official and confidential files of Mr. Hoover are controlled by a separate indices maintained as an adjunct to this material in the Special File Room and this indices was searched as you requested. Only references to Rowe's true full name were located; none of his aliases and symbol numbers appeared therein. The references located pertain to two memoranda from the Director, FBI, to the Attorney General dated December 29, 1965, and January 3, 1966, and the Attorney General's reply dated December 30, 1965, all of which concern

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A memorandum from A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, dated January 11, 1966, set forth the background concerning the tactics utilized by the House

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Mr. Ralph Hornblower, III  
Director  
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Committee on Un-American Activities investigator when attempting to entice Rowe to appear before the Committee. The final memorandum was A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, dated February 16, 1966, which contained [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It is believed all of these communications have copies appearing elsewhere in our investigative files and are not necessarily new to the task force. The files, of course, will be available for review by personnel of your task force at your specific request.

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To: SAC, Oklahoma City

From: Director, FBI

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Reference Bureau telephone call 2/15/79, concerning the  
intent of the Task Force to interview former Special Agent [redacted]

Enclosed are two copies of background data and instructions  
which you should insure are made known to [redacted] prior to his  
anticipated interview by the Task Force sometime during the week of  
2/19/79.

You advised [redacted] currently resides at [redacted]  
[redacted] and can be reached at telephone number [redacted]  
[redacted] Task Force Attorney, Malcolm Logan, will be in contact with  
him separately.

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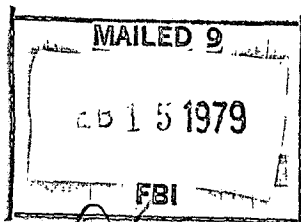
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To: SAC, Phoenix [redacted] San Francisco

From: Director, FBI

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Reference Bureau telephone call to Phoenix on 2/13/79, concerning the current whereabouts of former SAC Ray L. Faisst. You advised Mr. Faisst was currently residing at [redacted] office telephone number [redacted] His home telephone number was reported as [redacted]

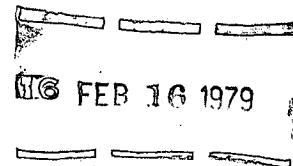
Enclosed are two copies of background data concerning the Task Force and instructions you should insure Mr. Faisst receives prior to being contacted by Task Force leader, Ralph Hornblower, III.

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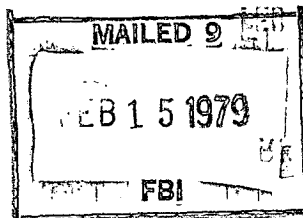
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To: SAC, San Francisco

From: Director, FBI

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Reference Bureau telephone call on 2/13/79, concerning the  
current whereabouts of former Special Agent [redacted] who you  
advised was residing in [redacted] telephone number  
[redacted]

Enclosed are copies of the background of the Task Force  
and instructions you should insure are given to [redacted] prior  
to an interview by a member of the Task Force, namely, Don Burkhalter.

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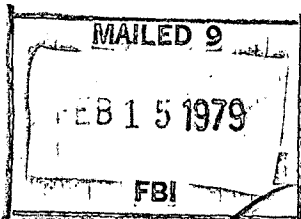
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To: SAC, Memphis  
From: Director, FBI

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Reference Bureau telephone call to Supervisor [redacted] on  
2/13/79, concerning the current whereabouts of former SAC Robert Jensen.  
You advised he was currently residing at [redacted]  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted]

Enclosed are two copies of the background of the Task Force  
and instructions you should insure Mr. Jensen receives prior to an  
interview by Task Force Attorney, John Fleder, sometime during the  
week of 2/26/79, possibly 2/28/79.

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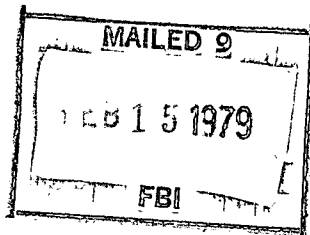
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To: SAC, Jackson

From: Director, FBI

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Reference is made to Bureau telephone call 2/12/79  
to SAC Kelly, concerning the current whereabouts and avail-  
ability of former SAC Roy K. Moore and former Special Agent  
[redacted]

You advised that [redacted] resided in [redacted]  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted] and that  
Mr. Moore resided in [redacted]

Enclosed are four copies of background data con-  
cerning the task force and instructions you should ensure  
both Mr. Moore and [redacted] receive prior to being con-  
tacted by task force member Donald Burkhalter.

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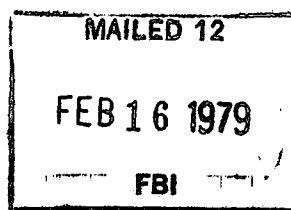
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(Attn: Movement Unit)  
1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett  
1 - [redacted] 2/16/79

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To: SAC, New Rochelle

From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES V.  
EATON, ET AL.

Reference Bureau telephone call 2/15/79, requesting  
SA [redacted] to travel to Washington, D. C., 2/26/79 in  
order to be interviewed by captioned task force.

Enclosed are two copies of background data and  
instructions which you should ensure SA [redacted] understands  
prior to the interview by members of the task force. He should  
plan to arrive in Washington, D. C., early in the morning of  
2/26/79 in order to review any files he deems necessary to  
refresh his recollection. On 2/26/79 he will be interviewed  
by the task force, and it is anticipated the interview may last  
one or two hours.

In some instances the task force has utilized tape  
recorders in connection with interviews of current FBI person-  
nel. In this regard, SA [redacted] should be advised that inasmuch  
as the FBI has promised full cooperation with the task force,  
our employees, when being interviewed by the task force and a  
tape recorder is being utilized, should conform to the task  
force request; however, our employees should be reminded that  
they may request the interviewer to furnish a copy of the  
recording being made and that, since their remarks are being  
recorded, they should give full thought to their answers before  
responding and should answer directly and responsibly to the  
questions.

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In order to facilitate his appearance, SA [redacted]  
should report to Room 5425, JEH Building, to Assistant Section  
Chief [redacted] who will place him in contact with the  
task force.

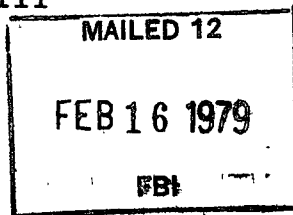
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Enclosures - 2

1 - Mr. R. Hornblower, III

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Airtel to New Rochelle

Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling of  
Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., and Civil Rights  
Division's Prosecution of United States  
v. Eaton, et al.

NOTE: The task force is winding up the interviews they  
feel necessary to discharge their mandate. The  
instructions to our personnel were agreed to by the task  
force as authorized by FBI Headquarters in previous commu-  
nications. The task force feels it would be less expensive  
for SA [ ] to travel to Washington as opposed to task  
force members traveling to New Rochelle. In view of  
Director Webster's promise of full cooperation, the above  
travel is deemed necessary.

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APPROVED:

Director \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 - [redacted]

2/15/79

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To: SAC, Tampa **MSK**  
From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF  
GARY THOMAS CROWE, JR., AND CIVIL  
RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF  
UNITED STATES V. EATON, ET AL.

Reference Bureau telephone call to Supervisor [redacted] on  
2/15/79, concerning the location of former Special Agent [redacted]  
last known to be residing at [redacted]

Enclosed are two copies of background data and instructions  
concerning the Task Force's interest in interviewing [redacted] sometime  
during the week commencing 2/19/79. You should insure [redacted] is aware  
of the mandate of the Task Force and the instructions set forth in  
the attachment.

Task Force Attorney, Malcolm Logan, will be in contact with  
Peet separately concerning the specific time and place of the interview.

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1 - Mr. Hornblower

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1 - [redacted]  
(Attn: Movement Unit)  
1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett  
1 - [redacted]  
2/16/79

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To: SAC, Philadelphia

From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES V.  
EATON, ET AL.

Reference Bureau telephone call 2/14/79 concerning  
the intent of captioned task force to interview Special Agent  
[redacted] on 2/27/79 at Washington, D. C.

Enclosed are two copies of background data and  
instructions which you should ensure Special Agent [redacted]  
understands prior to the interview by members of the task  
force. He should plan to arrive in Washington, D. C., early  
in the morning of 2/26/79 in order to review any files he deems  
necessary to refresh his recollection. On 2/27/79 he will be  
interviewed by the task force, and it is anticipated the inter-  
view may last four to six hours.

In some instances the task force has utilized tape  
recorders in connection with interviews of current FBI person-  
nel. In this regard, Special Agent [redacted] should be advised  
that inasmuch as the FBI has promised full cooperation with  
the task force, our employees, when being interviewed by the  
task force and a tape recorder is being utilized, should con-  
form to the task force request; however, our employees should  
be reminded that they may request the interviewer to furnish a  
copy of the recording being made and that, since their remarks  
are being recorded, they should give full thought to their  
answers before responding and should answer directly and  
responsibly to the questions.

In order to facilitate his appearance, Special Agent  
[redacted] should report to Room 5425, JEH Building, to Assis-  
tant Section Chief [redacted] who will place him in  
contact with the task force.

Enclosures - 2

1 - Mr. R. Hornblower, III

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1 - [redacted] ☒

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Airtel to Philadelphia

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Division's Prosecution of United States  
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instructions to our personnel were agreed to by the task  
force as authorized by FBI Headquarters in previous commu-  
nications. The task force feels it would be less expensive  
for SA [ ] to travel to Washington as opposed to task  
force members traveling to Philadelphia. In view of  
Director Webster's promise of full cooperation, the above  
travel is deemed necessary.

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APPROVED:

Director \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: SAC, Knoxville

From: Director, FBI

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TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES V.  
EATON, ET AL.

Reference Bureau telephone call to SAC Swanson on  
2/16/79, concerning the current whereabouts of former  
ASAC Kenneth N. Raby.

You advised that Mr. Raby currently resides at  
[redacted] home tele-  
phone number [redacted] and office telephone [redacted]

Enclosed are two copies of background data concern-  
ing the task force and instructions you should ensure  
Mr. Raby receives prior to being contacted by task force  
attorney Malcolm Logan. It is anticipated Mr. Logan desires  
to interview Mr. Raby in Knoxville on 2/26/79. Mr. Logan  
will contact Mr. Raby separately for the specific time and  
place. *(Signature)*

Enclosures - 2

1 - Mr. R. Hornblower, III

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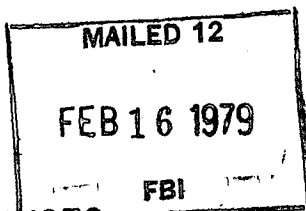
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To: SAC, Cleveland

From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES V.  
EATON, ET AL.

Reference is made to Bureau telephone calls to  
Senior Resident Agent [redacted] Akron Resident Agency,  
and Senior Resident Agent [redacted] Lima Resident Agency,  
2/14 and 16/79, respectively.

Enclosed are four copies of background data con-  
cerning the task force and instructions that [redacted] and  
[redacted] should receive prior to being contacted by task  
force attorneys.

Your office advised that [redacted] resides  
at [redacted] and is agreeable to being interviewed  
by task force leader Ralph Hornblower, III, beginning the  
week of 2/26/79.

[redacted] according to your office, [redacted]

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1 - Mr. R. Hornblower, III

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TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

~~BALTIMORE (66-2340) ROUTINE~~

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TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF US VS. EATON, ET AL.

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU JAN. 26, 1979.

ON FEB. 8, 1979, TASK FORCE ATTORNEY JOHN FLEDER CONCLUDED  
HIS INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED] HE ADVISED THE  
INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED AT THEIR RESPECTIVE RESIDENCES, AT  
WHICH TIME A TAPE RECORDER WAS UTILIZED WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE  
AND CONSENT.

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2/16/79

To: SAC, Dallas

From: Director, FBI

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TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES V.  
EATON, ET AL.

Reference is made to Bureau telephone call to  
ASAC James Geer, 2/16/79, concerning the whereabouts and  
availability of former Special Agent [REDACTED]

You advised that [REDACTED] currently resides  
at [REDACTED] and is  
employed [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Enclosed are two copies of background data con-  
cerning the task force and instructions you should ensure  
[REDACTED] receives prior to being contacted by task force  
member John Fleder.

Enclosures - 2

1 - Mr. R. Hornblower, III

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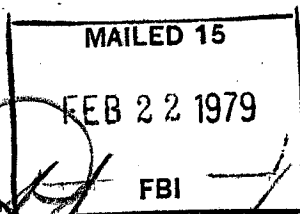
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AIRTEL

Date 2/16/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 Attn: Asst. Section Chief  
 [redacted]  
 Room 5425, JEH Bldg.

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FROM: SAC, TAMPA (62-1520)

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
 AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF U. S. v. EATON,  
 ET AL

Re Telephone conversation between Asst. Section Chief  
 [redacted] Document Classification and Review Section,  
 FBIHQ and Supv. [redacted] Tampa Office, 2/15/79 and  
 Bureau airtel to Tampa dated 2/15/79.

Former Special Agent [redacted] currently residing  
 at [redacted] telephone  
 [redacted] telephonically contacted by Tampa Office and  
 apprised of the desire of Task Force Attorney Malcolm Logan  
 conduct interview with him during the week commencing  
 2/19/79.

[redacted] was apprised of the contents of referenced  
 Bureau airtel and is agreeable for such interview; however,  
 desires a couple days notice prior thereto.

He was advised that Task Force Attorney Malcolm Logan  
 would be in contact with him separately concerning the specific  
 time and place of the interview.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 - Mr. J. J. McDermott  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz

DATE: 2/16/79

TO : Mr. Bassett *WLB/STP*

FROM :   *R/STP*

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE *REV* REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES  
V. EATON, ET AL.

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PURPOSE: To advise of request of captioned task force to reproduce a radio transcript of a program broadcast 4/1/77, Columbia, South Carolina, featuring former Special Agent in Charge James L. McGovern, who appeared as President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI.

DETAILS: The task force has reached the final stage of its inquiry, which consists of interviews of former FBI personnel. Prior to these interviews, task force members have been reviewing personnel files of these employees and in the file of former Special Agent in Charge James L. McGovern is an airtel from the Columbia Office dated 4/5/77 which forwarded a transcript of an interview of McGovern by Bill Benton, WSCQ FM Radio, Columbia, South Carolina, on 4/1/77. McGovern appeared as President of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI and made many favorable comments about the FBI when asked questions about his service, particularly in the South, and about the institution as a whole. Some of his comments went directly to the handling of Gary Rowe, who acted as an informant for the FBI during the early 1960s in the Birmingham, Alabama, area, in connection with our activities in investigating the Ku Klux Klan.

EX-113 REC-110 62-118023-246  
The transcript of this program does not appear elsewhere in Bureau files. The task force believes it is essential to have a copy of it during the interview of McGovern and possibly it may be included in their final work product. Upon review, the transcript is clearly one taking the form of a radio interview program wherein the moderator and even individual callers from the public asked questions of McGovern.

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Memorandum  to Mr. Bassett  
Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling of  
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Inasmuch as it is, in effect, a public document and readily available only in McGovern's personnel file, it is believed the task force should have a Xeroxed copy thereof.

RECOMMENDATION: That a copy of this manuscript be Xeroxed and turned over to the task force for its use in interviewing McGovern and in discharging its mandate.

APPROVED:

Director \_\_\_\_\_  
Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date 2/27/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: ASSISTANT SECTION CHIEF  
 [REDACTED]  
 ROOM 5425, JEH BUILDING

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (62-3038) (E) (SQ. 3)

RE: ~~TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S~~  
~~HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.~~  
~~AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S~~  
~~PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES~~  
~~VS. EATON;~~  
 ET AL

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 2/15/79.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of "Agreement" between [REDACTED] and Task Force Attorneys JOHN R. FLEDER and DON R. BURKHALTER dated 2/22/79.

On 2/27/79, [REDACTED] advised that Task Force Attorneys FLEDER and BURKHALTER concluded interviews with him and former SAC JAMES L. McGOVERN on Friday, 2/23/79. He and McGOVERN drew up the enclosed agreement and each utilized one with the attorneys.

He advised that his interview lasted six hours and understood that McGOVERN's did also. He stated that each was interviewed separately and that McGOVERN had been asked to be sworn-in although [REDACTED] had not. Each taped their respective interviews as did the attorneys, and [REDACTED] advised that each also requested copies of the transcriptions from the attorneys.

No further investigation being conducted by Atlanta.

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AGREEMENT

The Gary Thomas Rowe Task Force of the United States Department of Justice has sought to interview former Special Agent [redacted] has raised several questions concerning future public disclosure of what he tells the Task Force in this interview. This agreement is intended to set forth all understandings between the Task Force and [redacted] concerning this matter.


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The Department of Justice assures [redacted] that any information he provides the Task Force will not be attributed to him in any public disclosure. However, the Department will be free to make public any information provided by [redacted] during this interview. Any attribution of such information in a public disclosure will be to an "FBI spokesman", or words to that effect. Every effort will be made by the Department of Justice to paraphrase the testimony given by [redacted] in resulting reports so as to preclude easy identification of him as the source of that information.

The Department agrees that it will resist any efforts by any person not employed by the Department of Justice to obtain the identity of the person who has provided the information which [redacted] will give us. However, the foregoing sentence will not preclude the Department from complying with any court order or future statutory change in the United States Code, which may mandate disclosure of [redacted] identity as a source of information. Additionally, the Department of Justice shall be free in its report to identify Mr. Blake as one of the persons who spoke with the Department of Justice.

Nothing in this agreement shall preclude the Department of Justice from making public any criminal act which it believes has been committed by [redacted] including disclosure of information received from him in his interview by the Gary Thomas Rowe Task Force.

So agreed upon on this 22nd day of February 1979.

  
John R. Fleder

Don R. Burkhalter

Members of the Gary Thomas  
Rowe Task Force, United States  
Department of Justice

Signed and sealed this 22nd day of  
February 1979

Notary Public, Georgia, State of Large  
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To: ADIC, New York

From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES V.  
EATON, ET AL.

Reference Bureau telephone call to SA [redacted]  
of your office on 2/28/79 concerning the current whereabouts  
of former Special Agent in Charge Henry A. Fitzgibbon.

You advised that Mr. Fitzgibbon currently resides  
at [redacted] and is employed  
[redacted]  
He can be reached at [redacted]

Enclosed are two copies of background data con-  
cerning the task force and instructions you should ensure  
Mr. Fitzgibbon receives prior to being contacted by task  
force attorney Malcolm Logan. It is anticipated Mr. Logan  
desires to interview Mr. Fitzgibbon in New York sometime  
during the period 3/5-15/79. Mr. Logan will contact  
Mr. Fitzgibbon separately for the specific time and place.

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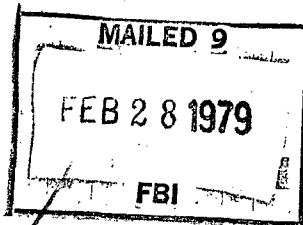
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: *W. J. [unclear]* SAC, SAVANNAH (66-1563)

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S  
 HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
 AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S  
 PROSECUTION OF U. S. V. EATON;  
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ReBuAirtel to Atlanta, 1/10/79.

Indices search conducted at Savannah with respect to items 1 through 17 in above-referenced airtel as well as review of indices regarding Cahaba River Group, the Alabama States Rights Party and the National States Rights Party revealed that there are 17 files with a total of 67 volumes which fall within the guidelines in above-referenced airtel for review. As of this date all but 12 of these volumes have been reviewed and it is anticipated that this review will be concluded by 3/1/79. Results of this review will be furnished upon completion.

Indices were also searched for items A through D listed on pages 3 and 4 in above-referenced airtel with negative results.

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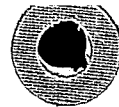
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To: ADIC, New York

From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES V.  
EATON, ET AL.

Reference Bureau telephone call to ASAC John  
Hanlon, Brooklyn-Queens Metropolitan Resident Agency, 3/5/79,  
concerning the current whereabouts of former Special Agent in  
Charge Joseph A. Sullivan. *W.S.*

Mr. Hanlon advised that Sullivan is currently [redacted]

[redacted] telephone [redacted]

According to [redacted] he is currently in a  
travel status and is not anticipated to return to [redacted]  
prior to 3/12/79.

The New York Office should make the appropriate  
contact with Mr. Sullivan when he is available and advise  
him that captioned task force desires to interview him in  
New York sometime during the period 3/12-31/79. Enclosed  
are two copies of background data concerning the task force  
and instructions you should ensure Mr. Sullivan receives  
prior to being contacted by task force leader, Mr. Ralph  
Hornblower, III. Mr. Hornblower will contact Mr. Sullivan  
separately for the specific time and place.

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- Brooklyn-Queens Metropolitan RA (Enclosure)

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Date 3/1/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (197-28)

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING  
 OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
 AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S  
 PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES V. EATON,  
 ET AL

Re Bureau airtel to Dallas dated 2/16/79.

On 2/28/79, ASAC JAMES H. GEER, Dallas Division, contacted former Special Agent [ ] concerning captioned Task Force's intention to interview him regarding the captioned matter. [ ] was advised that he should cooperate fully with this Task Force and that the Director of the FBI had released him from his employment agreement for the purposes of such interview. He was further advised of his rights to have an attorney present and against self-incrimination should he elect to pursue that.

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[ ] advised that he has not as yet been contacted by a member of this Task Force.

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Date 3/12/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: SUPV.   
 ROOM 5425, FBIHQ

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (66-2340)

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S  
 HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
 AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S  
 PROSECUTION OF U. S. Vs. EATON, ET AL

Retelcall to Birmingham, 3/5/79.

As instructed in referenced telephone call, the original main file and sub-file regarding GARY THOMAS ROWE, is being forwarded to the Bureau. It is noted that in three instances a serial is not accounted for. This is apparently the result of misserialization as the serials are not charged out and cannot be located by Birmingham.

A Xerox copy of each volume of the file is being retained by Birmingham for informational purposes.

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February 17, 1979

TELEPHONE

OUTSIDE SOURCE

Legal Counsel  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Re:

Dear

GARY THOMAS Rowe, Jr.

I received a communication telephonically from the resident agent in Lima, Ohio, directing that I cooperate with the Justice Department Task Force. Apparently, there is an ongoing investigation and the Department is interested in interviewing me. I was further advised that the Director has released me from my oath of confidentiality. I told the resident agent I would cooperate only under the following conditions:

1. That a letter, signed by the Director releasing me from my oath of confidentiality, be forwarded to my attention.
2. That the letter also contain the Bureau's desire that I cooperate in this fishing expedition. REC-139
3. That the interview not be held in [redacted] but in Washinton D.C. at government expense. 106

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I called [redacted] and advised him of the request from the Bureau. [redacted] indicated he was going to call you immediately and make a determination as to what steps should be taken in this cause. Thus, as you can see, I am extremely reluctant to do anything further, even though I have nothing to hide. I have given testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee and I believe it is quite accurate and covers in detail Mr. Rowe.

Your comments are invited.

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Date 3/7/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: *Walt* SAC, SAVANNAH (66-1563)

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S  
 HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
 AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISIONS  
 PROSECUTION OF U. S. V. EATON;  
 ET AL

ReBureau tel to Atlanta, 1/10/79, and Savannah airtel  
 to Bureau, 2/26/79.

The Savannah Division has completed the indices  
 search and file review requested in above-referenced Bureau  
 airtel. As a result of this review, numerous serials were  
 located which contained a reference to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
 TOMMY ROWE, THOMAS NEIL MOORE,   
 or a man referred to as   
 A list of these serials is being maintained in Savannah and  
 will be forwarded to the Bureau upon request.

In addition, the above-mentioned indices and file  
 review determined that the below-listed files and/or serials  
 were previously forwarded to the Columbia Division:

Savannah File <sup>EX-106</sup> 165-395, "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
 aka Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
 Olanta, South Carolina"

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Savannah File 157-40, "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,  
Bishopville Klavern  
South Carolina"

157-177, "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA  
Sumter, S. C."

157-319, "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
Chesterfield Sportsman Club,  
Cheraw, S. C. "

157-320, "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
Bennettsville Klavern"

157-642, Columbia File 157-66

157-646, " " 157-394

157-693, " " 157-679

157-708, " " 157-370

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157-864,	" "	157-43
157-865,	" "	157-44
157-866,	" "	157-118
157-872,	" "	157-164
157-873,	" "	157-102
157-906,	" "	157-365
157-946,	"UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. Coward Klavern"	
157-947,	Columbia File	157-57
157-948,	" "	157-61
157-949,	" "	157-103
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In addition to the above files, numerous serials from Savannah 157-309, "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC." were transferred to Columbia.

OUTSIDE SOURCE

March 12, 1979

- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Bassett
- 1 - Mr. Colwell
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Civ. Lit. Unit
- 1 - [redacted]

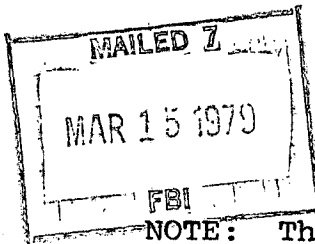
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Dear [redacted]

Reference is made to your letter to Special Agent [redacted] of our Legal Counsel Division, dated February 17, 1979, wherein you requested a written release from your former employment agreement and this Bureau's position regarding the Department of Justice (DOJ) Task Force inquiring into matters relating to Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr.

I have pledged complete cooperation by this Bureau with the investigation being conducted by the DOJ Task Force. Implicit in my pledge is a release to current and former employees to cooperate fully with the Task Force. Instructions to current Agents have been issued to that effect.

Expenditure of Government funds for your interview to be held at Washington, D.C. has been authorized by the Task Force.



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Sincerely yours

William H. Webster

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William H. Webster  
Director

NOTE: This letter based on Memo LCD to the Director dated 3/12/79, re: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., RAM:imw. On 3/5/79 SA [redacted] telephonically contacted Ray Hornblower in the presence of SA [redacted] and obtained authorization for expenditure of Government funds for [redacted] interview.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO : Director

DATE: 3/12/79

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S  
HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

PURPOSE: To advise the Director of [redacted] request  
for a letter releasing him from his oath of Confidentiality and the Director's response to same.

SYNOPSIS: [redacted] is a former Agent [redacted]

[redacted] Memo  
[redacted] to Mr. Bassett, 1/2/79, set forth the basis for releasing current and former FBI employees from their employment agreements in connection with captioned matter. By letter dated 2/17/79 [redacted] requested a written release and confirmation that the Bureau desired his cooperation. In addition, he requested that any interview with the Task Force be held in Washington, D.C. at Government expense. Legal Counsel Division (LCD) recommends that [redacted] request be granted.

RECOMMENDATION: That the attached letter to [redacted] be approved and sent.

ENCLOSURE

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1 - Mr. McDermott (Encs)  
1 - Mr. Bassett (Encs)  
1 - Mr. Colwell (Encs)

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1 - [redacted] (Encs)  
1 - Civ. Lit. Unit (Encs)  
1 - [redacted] (Encs)

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Memorandum to The Director

Re: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S  
HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

DETAILS: By way of background information, [redacted]  
is a former Agent [redacted]

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[redacted] The following is a summary of  
these two actions:

[redacted] v.  
CLARENCE M. KELLEY, et al.  
(U.S.D.C., S.D.N.Y.)  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 76-CIV-983 (CES)

The original complaint was filed on 3/2/76. The defendants were Clarence M. Kelley, Director of the FBI, Thomas J. Jenkins, Deputy Associate Director of the FBI, [redacted] Special Agent (SA), and four unknown Agents of the FBI. The complaint alleges violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 1983 and certain Constitutional violations. The captioned civil action was filed by [redacted] a participant in the 1961 Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) "Freedom Ride." The allegations in the complaint are based on Congressional testimony given by former FBI informant Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., that this Bureau had advance information that the CORE riders were to be beaten by alleged Ku Klux Klan members and that the FBI did nothing to protect the interest of the CORE riders and did not notify any agencies outside the FBI in any effort to protect the safety of these individuals. Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Peter C. Salerno, Southern District of New York, is responsible for the defense of Thomas J. Jenkins, former Deputy Associate Director and former SA [redacted]. Mr. Kelley was recently dismissed from the action. The Government has participated in discovery proceedings and a motion for summary judgment is currently pending before the Court.

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Memorandum to The Director  
Re: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S  
HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

[REDACTED]  
CLARENCE M. KELLEY, et al.  
(U.S.D.C., W.D. MICH.)  
CIVIL ACTION NO. G77-6CA

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Captioned civil action has been filed by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] a participant in the 1961 CORE "Freedom Ride" and  
[REDACTED] who alleged that plaintiffs were beaten on  
5/14/61 by white vigilantes on a bus at Anniston, Alabama.  
The claim is based on the same Congressional testimony given  
by former FBI informant Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr. The allegations  
are similar to those in the [REDACTED] case and the defendants are  
the same with the addition of former Associate Director Richard G.  
Held. AUSA Robert C. Green, Western District of Michigan,  
represents the Government defendants in this related case.  
The facts of the captioned case show that the bus was stopped  
and burned near Anniston prior to arriving at Birmingham, its  
destination. Although Rowe was not present or involved in  
the beating of [REDACTED] or the burning of the bus, a claim of  
a "duty owed" and "knowledge" is made.

In both civil actions the Government has argued  
that the statute of limitations has run with respect to the  
allegations and that, in fact, the plaintiff had notice in  
the 1960's of the facts. There was no duty owed to the  
plaintiffs by the FBI, or its Agents, in 1961.

Memorandum from [REDACTED] to Mr. Bassett dated 1/2/79  
set forth the basis for releasing current and former FBI  
employees from their employment agreements in connection  
with captioned matter. It was determined that Director  
Webster's pledge of cooperation with the Task Force mandate  
clearly carried with it such a release.

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Memorandum to The Director

Re: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S  
HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.

By letter dated 2/17/79 (copy attached) [redacted] advised that he had been contacted by the Lima, Ohio, RA requesting an interview of [redacted] by the Task Force. In view of the pending litigation involving [redacted] he has requested a written release and a formal declaration of the Bureau's desire that he fully cooperate with the Task Force. In addition, he requested that the interview be held in Washington, D.C. at Government expense.

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In view of [redacted] current status as [redacted]

[redacted] LCD recommends that the attached letter be sent to [redacted] LCD likewise recommends that [redacted] interview be held in Washington, D.C. at Government expense. [redacted] is currently [redacted]

[redacted] AUSA's Greene and Salerno concur in LCD's recommendations.

APPROVED *Wan*

Director *Wan*

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Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility  
Department of Justice


March 28, 1979

 Security Officer  
FBI

1 - Mr. L. Colwell  
1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett  
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**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**  
TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
DIVISION'S PROSECUTION IN THE MATTER OF  
UNITED STATES V. EATON, ET AL.

On March 23, 1979, Mr. Ralph Hornblower, III, who  
heads the captioned task force, advised Assistant Section  
Chief  of this Bureau, who is assisting  
the task force in coordinating matters within the FBI, he  
anticipated the task force's final report would be completed  
around April 11, 1979, and at that time would be provided  
simultaneously to the Attorney General and the Director of  
the FBI.

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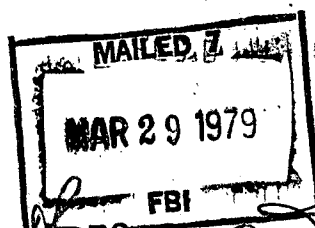
The task force has been granted broad access to  
FBI investigative files, both in the field and at FBI Head-  
quarters. Prior to May, 1974, FBI internal documents were  
not marked for classification. While the majority of the  
material reviewed by the task force is criminal in character  
and not subject to classification, there is a possibility  
some of the material reviewed by the task force, which might  
be incorporated into its final report, is classifiable.  
Thus, this Bureau believes it would be in the interests of  
the Department and the FBI that a draft of the final report  
be reviewed for classification purposes prior to its sub-  
mission in formal form.

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It is believed such a review may be accomplished  
expeditiously and efficiently without any question of con-  
flict of interest. If you desire, I will arrange for an  
experienced classification authority to visit your office  
to conduct the necessary classification review. I request  
you or Mr. Hornblower ensure such a review is effected  
prior to the preparation of the final draft of the task  
force report.

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Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
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NOTE: In his telephone discussion with [ ] on 3/23/79, Mr. Hornblower expressed concern that any prior review of the report of his task force could jeopardize his mandate. While he indicated he recognized some of the information which appeared in his report could be classifiable, he contended that after Director Webster received the report it could be classified, if required. We believe this is a dangerous policy in that when a final report is prepared, it would be difficult to argue classifiability and to effect classification on a post-publication basis. It is likely the final report will be subject to extensive requests for review by Congressional, Executive Branch and private sources. We believe one of our experienced classification analysts could quickly review the report without conflict of interest and preclude later problems which could result with the inclusion of classifiable information, unidentified as such, in the task force report.

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Date 3/19/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (197-18) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING  
 FBI'S HANDLING OF  
 GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
 AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
 DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF  
 UNITED STATES V. EATON, ET AL

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta and other offices dated 1/10/79; and Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 1/24/79.

The indices of the Charlotte Office were checked for the items as set forth in referenced Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated 1/10/79; and all main files and references for the period of July 1, 1960, through June 30, 1965, were reviewed page by page by Agents of the Charlotte Office.

This indices search revealed numerous references to the items numbered one through seventeen in referenced Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated 1/10/79 and involved all Headquarters City Agents as a total of 389 volumes were reviewed.

Regarding GARY THOMAS ROWE, the Charlotte Office had no main file on ROWE; and the file review revealed no pertinent references as to ROWE under his true name or known aliases.

An example of the information which was located on GARY THOMAS ROWE is that found in Charlotte file 157-247, serial 3, in the matter captioned, "United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (South Carolina), Racial Matters (Klan), OO: [redacted]

[redacted] on 4/25/65 had shown a number of Klansmen a

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photograph of GARY ROWE, a former member of UKA who had testified on the prosecution of one of the individuals arrested in 1965, for the killing of Mrs. VIOLA LIUZZO. [redacted] requested Klansmen to determine the whereabouts of ROWE [redacted]. No direct statement was made as to the reason for seeking the whereabouts of these persons.

No reference was located as to "a man referred to as [redacted] or to THOMAS NEIL MOORE or [redacted]"

Concerning items a, b, c, and d, as set forth in Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated 1/10/79, item a had been destroyed and no record in the Charlotte indices could be located regarding items b, c, and d.

A review of the Charlotte indices in this matter disclosed that numerous files dealing with the Klan had been forwarded to the Columbia Office as indicated on Form FD-160, Indices Search Slip; and a lead to review these files at Columbia was set forth in referenced Charlotte airtel to the Bureau dated 1/24/79.

The Charlotte indices were reviewed by Teletypist [redacted] and the project was coordinated by SA [redacted]. [redacted] Principal Legal Advisor of the Charlotte Office.

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Date 3/20/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (197-12) (RUC)

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S  
HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S  
PROSECUTION OF U. S. v EATON;  
ET AL

ReSVairtel to Bureau, 3/7/79.

Referenced airtel furnished identifiers for files  
and/or serials previously forwarded to the Columbia Division  
by Savannah Division pertaining to captioned inquiry.

A review of these files reveals no information  
pertinent to the inquiry with respect to GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
THOMAS NEIL MOORE, [REDACTED] or any  
reference to [REDACTED]

Assistant OSM [REDACTED] conducted review  
which was coordinated by SA [REDACTED]

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Date 3/30/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: SUPV.   
ROOM 5425, FBIHQ

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (66-2340)

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S  
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AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S  
PROSECUTION OF U. S. Vs. EATON, ET AL

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Retelcall to Birmingham, 3/26/79.

As instructed in referenced telephone call, a Xerox copy regarding MARCH ON MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, is being forwarded to the Bureau. It is noted that serial fifty-three is missing. This is apparently the result of misserialization as the serial is not charged out and cannot be located by Birmingham.

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*Memorandum*

TO : Mr. Bassett *AND/DP*

FROM :  *ER*

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING  
OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL  
RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF  
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1 - Mr. J. B. Adams

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DATE: 3/28/79

1 - Mr. J. J. McDermott


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1 - Mr. D. W. Moore, *b6*

1 - Mr. H. N. Bassett *b7C*

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PURPOSE: To gain approval to forward attached memorandum  
with enclosures to captioned task force by 3/29/79  
as requested by task force.

SYNOPSIS AND DETAILS: Captioned task force was appointed in  
November, 1978, to review FBI investigative files,  
both at Headquarters and in the field, together with inter-  
views of pertinent personnel, both former and current. 



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Memorandum  to Mr. Bassett  
Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling  
of Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., and Civil  
Rights Division's Prosecution of  
United States v. Eaton, et al.

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RECOMMENDATION: That the attached letterhead memorandum be  
approved for transmittal to the task force  
by Assistant Section Chief

APPROVED: *WWS*

Director *[Signature]*  
Assoc. Dir. *[Signature]*  
Dep. AD Adm. *[Signature]*  
Dep. AD Inv. *[Signature]*

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4/9/79

To: SAC, Boston

From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES V.  
EATON, ET AL.

Reference Bureau telephone call 4/9/79 to ASAC Joel  
Carlson concerning the intent of captioned task force to  
briefly interview Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] by  
telephone on 4/9 or 10/79.

Enclosed are two copies of background data and  
instructions which you should ensure SA [REDACTED] understands  
prior to the interview by task force member Donald R.  
Burkhalter.

In connection with this interview, which is to be  
conducted by telephone in view of the task force intent to  
complete its report to the Attorney General during the week  
of 4/9-13/79, it is to be recognized that in some instances  
the task force has utilized tape recorders in connection with  
interviews of current FBI personnel. SA [REDACTED] should be  
advised that inasmuch as the FBI has promised full cooperation  
with the task force, our employees, when being interviewed by  
the task force and a tape recorder is being utilized, should  
conform to the task force request; however, our employees  
should be reminded that they may request the interviewer to  
furnish a copy of the recording being made and that, since  
their remarks are being recorded, they should give thought  
to their answers before responding and should answer directly  
and responsibly to the questions.

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Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling  
of Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., and Civil  
Rights Division's Prosecution of  
United States v. Eaton, Et Al.

You have indicated that SA [ ] is currently  
in Maine conducting a police school. Should it be feasible,  
the task force is agreeable to having SA [ ] telephone  
collect to [ ] asking for Mr. Burkhalter. [ ]

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Should there be any questions in connection with  
this planned interview, contact SA [ ] at FBI  
Headquarters, extension [ ]

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NOTE: The task force did not expect to interview [ ]  
however, in their final stages, they believe it is  
essential that he be asked one or two questions. In view of  
the time constraints, they intend to handle the interview via  
telephone as set out above. It is to be noted Boston does  
not believe that SA [ ] can conveniently leave the  
police school in order to come to Washington, D. C., and  
the task force has not made this request.

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# Memorandum

TO :

[Redacted]

DATE: 4/6/79

FROM :

[Redacted] *DTT*

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SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING  
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[Redacted] *#12*

PURPOSE: To advise of task force request for a copy of the  
FBI Agents Handbook as it existed 1/1/63, recom-  
mending it be made available.

DETAILS: Captioned task force was created by the Attorney  
General in November, 1978, to look into our han-  
dling of former Ku Klux Klan informant Rowe and related  
matters and is reaching the final stages of submitting its  
report to the Attorney General sometime during the week of  
4/9-13/79. Earlier the task force had portions of the Manual  
of Instructions and Manual of Rules and Regulations dealing  
with handling of informants reconstructed for the period  
1960-65. When a request was made to reconstruct the Agents  
Handbook for the same period, the impact of such a tedious  
reproduction was brought to its attention and the task force  
indicated it would try to do without the Agents Handbook,  
with the understanding that the Handbook was a brief summary  
of the information set out in more detail in the above-  
mentioned manuals.

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On 4/4/79, Mr. Hornblower, task force leader, recog-  
nized it was late in the task force period to make such a  
request, but believed it was essential to its mandate that  
the Handbook be reconstructed for the period 1960-65. By  
memorandum 4/5/79, Mr. Hornblower officially delivered this  
request in writing. [Redacted] of the Manuals Desk  
pointed out that although a burden would be placed upon her  
unit to reconstruct the Handbook, it probably could not be  
done until around Friday, 4/13/79. In negotiations with  
Mr. Hornblower's staff, [Redacted] and liaison contact  
[Redacted] the task force redefined its request to  
have the Handbook reconstructed as of 1/1/63 as early as

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Memorandum [ ] to [ ]  
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possible, bearing in mind its intent to terminate by 4/13/79. Mr. John Fleder conveyed this request and noted that after reading the Handbook, the possibility exists the task force may want to see certain portions or pages of the Handbook as it was changed through the period 1963-65. [ ] opined this was still a project for her unit to undertake; however, she recognized it was drastically cut back from the original request. In view of Judge Webster's promise of full cooperation, it is believed this request should be honored.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Manuals Desk, Administrative Services Division, reconstruct the FBI Agents Handbook as it existed 1/1/63, forwarding it to SA [ ] for delivery to the task force as soon as possible.

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Director	Crim. Inv. <i>[initials]</i>	Plan. & Insp.
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Dep. AD Inv. <i>[initials]</i>	Laboratory	Training
		Public Affs. Off.

*Manuals Desk gave  
SA [ ] a copy of the  
Handbook as of 1-1-63  
on 4-11-79.  
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Date 3/30/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: SUPV.   
 Rm. 5425, FBIHQ

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FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (66-2340)

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 AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S  
 PROSECUTION OF U.S. vs. EATON, ET AL

ReBHairtel, 3/12/79, and Butelcall to Birmingham,  
 3/30/79.

As noted in referenced airtel, the original main  
 file and subfile concerning GARY THOMAS ROWE were furnished  
 to FBIHQ.

A Xerox copy of each file was maintained by Bir-  
 mingham. Clerical employees who performed copy work noted  
 that three serials - Serial 535 from main file and Serials  
 184 and 206 from sub-file - were not in file and not  
 accounted for.

Serial 534 is an airtel dated 12/10/68 and serial  
 536 is a memorandum (FD-306) bearing the date of 12/30/68.  
 Therefore, Serial 535, had it been in file, would be dated  
 sometime in December, 1968, well after the date that ROWE  
 had testified and had been exposed as an FBI informant.

Serial 183 in the sub-file is a memorandum (FD-306)  
 dated 7/22/63 and Serial 185 is a memorandum (FD-306) dated  
 8/22/63. Serial 205 is a memorandum dated 10/25/63 and  
 Serial 207 is a memorandum dated 10/29/63

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Birmingham cannot locate or account for these serials at this time. It is surmised that the files were misserialized through clerical error at the time although such **cannot** be stated with any degree of certainty. Normal procedure calls for the placement of a chargeout slip if a serial is transferred permanently to another file. There are no chargeout slips indicating the whereabouts of the missing serials and Birmingham can only speculate that the file was misserialized as it was being compiled in the routine course of investigation.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

Address Reply to the  
Division Indicated  
and Refer to Initials and Number

April 5, 1979

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TO: [redacted] Assistant Section Chief  
Document Classification and Review Section  
Records Management Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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FROM: *RH* Ralph Hornblower, III  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General  
Director, Gary Rowe Task Force

In order to complete our report on the FBI's relationship with Gary Thomas Rowe, we very much need a copy of the FBI Agent's Manual that was in effect between 1960 and 1965. To expedite this request and to limit what you describe as an unduly burdensome task, we would be agreeable to exempt from this request anything which does not relate to an agent's investigatory duties and responsibilities. For example, we are not interested in personnel and overtime rules or dress codes.

Please call if you desire clarification.

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Mr. Ralph Hornblower, III  
Director, Rowe Task Force  
Department of Justice

April 24, 1979

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Assistant Section Chief  
Document Classification and Review Section

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES  
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**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

Reference is made to your telephone call of  
April 23, 1979, requesting an explanation of a phrase which  
appeared in an internal FBI memorandum from Mr. A. Rosen to  
Mr. Belmont dated March 26, 1965. The phrase in question  
pertained to [REDACTED]

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Telephonic contact was made on April 23, 1979,  
with retired Assistant Section Chief [REDACTED] who  
prepared the memorandum in question. [REDACTED] recalled

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Referred to Mr. Hornblower  
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To: SAC, Baltimore

From: Director, FBI

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF UNITED STATES V.  
EATON, ET AL.

For the information of the Baltimore Office, enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory informal memorandum concerning captioned task force. In addition to the enclosed data, it is the intention of the task force to make its report to the Attorney General during the week of 4/9-13/79.

In view of the limited time left and urgent request made by the task force to interview former SA [REDACTED] a direct telephone call was made to [REDACTED] current office, namely, [REDACTED] where it was determined [REDACTED] was on vacation. [REDACTED] was telephoned directly at his home [REDACTED] by Assistant Section Chief [REDACTED] who is handling liaison duties within the FBI for captioned task force. The substance of the enclosed data was explained to [REDACTED] who was preparing to leave at that moment on his vacation trip. [REDACTED] said he wished to be cooperative and was willing to be interviewed; however, he did not wish to talk to the task force by telephone in view of the sensitive nature of the matters involved. [REDACTED] indicated he would be available at his office from 4/23/79 on, should the task force desire to interview him in person.

This communication is being directed to the Baltimore Office for both its information and should it be required of the Baltimore Office to make the appropriate arrangements for the task force to interview [REDACTED] in the future.

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Airtel to Baltimore

Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling  
of Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., and Civil  
Rights Division's Prosecution of  
United States v. Eaton, et al.

NOTE: At 5:30 p.m., 4/10/79, task force member John Fleder  
advised it was essential that the task force inter-  
view [ ] by telephone in view of the limited time  
left before it made its report. In view of the time con-  
straints, the action set forth above was taken in order to  
accommodate the task force.

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## memorandum

DATE: 4/17/79

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (66-2340)SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S  
HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISIONS'S  
TO: PROSECUTION OF U. S. VS. EATON, ET AL.DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: SPV. [REDACTED]  
ROOM 5425, FBIHQb6  
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The following information is being furnished  
in response to a request from the Task Force concerning  
the following items:

1. Refusal of [REDACTED] to talk to the  
Task Force;
2. Request by the Task Force for a file on  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. under a 157 classification;
3. [REDACTED]

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Regarding Item #1, [REDACTED] was included  
on a list submitted by the Task Force of individuals they  
desired to interview. In accordance with instructions,  
[REDACTED] was contacted and advised of the general  
nature of the Task Force mandate and their desire to interview  
him. [REDACTED] immediately stated he did not want  
his relationship with the FBI revealed to the Task Force,  
nor did he want to talk to them. He cited as his reasons

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

② - Bureau (1-ROWE Task Force) - sent letter  
1 - Birmingham  
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Regarding Item #2, the Task Force requested any files on GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., under a 157 classification; however, a search of the files failed to reveal that any 157 files on GARY THOMAS ROWE ever existed in the Birmingham Office.

Regarding Item #3, the Task Force noted during a review of the Elsur files that no file could be located concerning

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## memorandum

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SUBJECT:

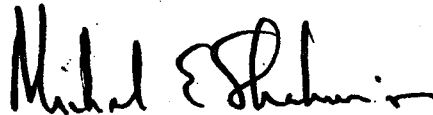
Rowe Task Force

TO:

[redacted] Security Officer  
Federal Bureau of Investigationb6  
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This is in response to your memorandum of March 28, 1979, regarding classification review of a draft of the final report to be prepared by the Rowe Task Force. I have had the occasion to discuss this and other procedural matters concerning the Report with Associate Director Jim Adams and believe that the arrangements we discussed will be entirely satisfactory to the Bureau.



Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility



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File in Case

"Task Force Reviewing  
FBI's Handling of Gary  
Thomas Rowe Jr.  
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Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility  
Department of Justice

NOTE: In his telephone discussion with [ ] on 3/23/79, Mr. Hornblower expressed concern that any prior review of the report of his task force could jeopardize his mandate. While he indicated he recognized some of the information which appeared in his report could be classifiable, he contended that after Director Webster received the report it could be classified, if required. We believe this is a dangerous policy in that when a final report is prepared, it would be difficult to argue classifiability and to effect classification on a post-publication basis. It is likely the final report will be subject to extensive requests for review by Congressional, Executive Branch and private sources. We believe one of our experienced classification analysts could quickly review the report without conflict of interest and preclude later problems which could result with the inclusion of classifiable information, unidentified as such, in the task force report.

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Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility  
Department of Justice

March 28, 1979

[redacted] Security Officer  
FBI

1 - Mr. L. Colwell  
1 - Mr. H. M. Bassett

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TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING OF  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
DIVISION'S PROSECUTION IN THE MATTER OF  
UNITED STATES V. EATON, ET AL.

On March 23, 1979, Mr. Ralph Hornblower, III, who heads the captioned task force, advised Assistant Section Chief [redacted] of this Bureau, who is assisting the task force in coordinating matters within the FBI, he anticipated the task force's final report would be completed around April 11, 1979, and at that time would be provided simultaneously to the Attorney General and the Director of the FBI.

The task force has been granted broad access to FBI investigative files, both in the field and at FBI Headquarters. Prior to May, 1974, FBI internal documents were not marked for classification. While the majority of the material reviewed by the task force is criminal in character and not subject to classification, there is a possibility some of the material reviewed by the task force, which might be incorporated into its final report, is classifiable. Thus, this Bureau believes it would be in the interests of the Department and the FBI that a draft of the final report be reviewed for classification purposes prior to its submission in formal form.

It is believed such a review may be accomplished expeditiously and efficiently without any question of conflict of interest. If you desire, I will arrange for an experienced classification authority to visit your office to conduct the necessary classification review. I request you or Mr. Hornblower ensure such a review is effected prior to the preparation of the final draft of the task force report.

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# Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

TO :

[Redacted]

DATE: 4/12/79

FROM :

J. B. Adams

SUBJECT:

CLASSIFICATION REVIEW OF  
DOJ-OPR INQUIRY OF  
ROWE INVESTIGATION

Rowe, GARY Thomas

I talked to Mike Shaheen today and he assured me that once they have prepared their report on the Rowe inquiry and before it is submitted to the Attorney General and Judge Webster for review he will contact me to arrange for a knowledgeable classification by you or someone from your Section. I told him that that individual will be instructed not to discuss any findings in the summary with anyone else in the Bureau until it is actually received for comment.

In addition, he advised that after being submitted for review to the Attorney General and Judge Webster the Bureau will be given an opportunity to review the report for accuracy and any other observations we may care to offer in order that it be as accurate as possible before being finally approved.

ACTION: None. Information only.

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1 - Mr. Adams

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Date 5/18/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: SUPV.   
 RM. 5425, FBIHQ

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (66-2340) (P)

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S  
HANDLING OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.  
AND CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION'S  
PROSECUTION OF U. S. Vs. EATON, ET AL

Re telcall from Task Force Attorney JOHN FLEDER  
 to SA  SA, Birmingham, 5/16/79.  
 Birmingham telcall to Bureau, 5/17/79.

Enclosed are Xerox copies of serials 1 thru 34 of  
 BH file 157-341, and serials 1 of BH file 157-341-SF1, to  
 be furnished Task Force Attorney JOHN FLEDER pursuant to his  
 request during referenced telcall.

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Mr. Ralph Hornblower, III  
Director, Rowe Task Force  
Department of Justice

1 - Mr. J. J. McDermott  
1 - [redacted]  
1 - [redacted]

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May 11, 1979

[redacted] Security Officer

CLASSIFICATION REVIEW OF  
DOJ-OPR INQUIRY OF ROWE  
INVESTIGATION

GARY Thomas Rowe

This is to confirm the telephone call made to Mr. John Fleder of the task force by Assistant Section Chief [redacted] Document Classification and Review Section, on May 11, 1979, concerning the arrangements previously agreed to in connection with an FBI classification review of the task force report. This agreement called for Mr. Michael Shaheen, Office of Professional Responsibility, Department of Justice, to notify Associate Director James B. Adams at such time as the report of the task force was prepared but before it was to be submitted to the Attorney General and Director Webster for review. Mr. Adams would then arrange for a knowledgeable FBI classification authority to review the report wheresoever designated by the task force, with the instructions the FBI person was not to discuss any of the findings in this summary with anyone else in the FBI until such time as the report was actually received for comment.

It was also understood that after the report was submitted for review by the Attorney General and Director Webster, the FBI would be given an opportunity to review the report for accuracy and any other observations the FBI may care to offer in order that the report be as accurate as possible prior to its final approval.

In view of Associate Director Adams' retirement effective close of business May 11, 1979, it was requested that Mr. Shaheen notify Assistant to the Director-Deputy Associate Director John J. McDermott in lieu of Mr. Adams. Mr. Fleder advised he would so notify Mr. Shaheen.

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Mr. Ralph Hornblower, III  
Director, Rowe Task Force  
Department of Justice

NOTE Previous memoranda in this matter recognized the sensitive balance between an FBI review for classification purposes of the material to which the task force had been exposed. It was recognized that although it was a criminal matter and not classifiable, the potential existed ~~that~~ some data, such as that furnished by foreign intelligence sources, may be inadvertently divulged unless reviewed by a knowledgeable FBI authority. Previously, Mr. Shaheen had indicated satisfactory arrangements were made between Mr. Adams and Shaheen in order to effectuate such a review. Mr. Adams amplified these instructions by a memorandum dated 4/12/79 to [ ] (a copy of which is attached).

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In order to avoid the possibility the Department may inadvertently release the report prior to classification review, instant communication is being sent to have a proper record thereof.

Mr. Fleder indicated it still may be a week or two prior to the time the report is in the form in which it will be deemed sufficiently complete to have the classification review made.

APPROVED:

Director \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date MAY 30, 1979

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 ATTN: ASST. SECTION CHIEF, [REDACTED]  
 ROOM 5425, JEH BUILDING

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (62-3038) (C) (SQ 3)

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING F.B.I.'s HANDLING OF  
 GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR. AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
 DIVISION PROSECUTION OF USA vs. EATON;  
 ET AL

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta May 23, 1979.

On May 29, 1979, the memorandum dated May 6, 1964  
 and FD-209 report dated May 7, 1964 were delivered by SA  
 [REDACTED] to the office of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reviewed the documents and was telephonically  
 interviewed by task force attorney, JOHN R. FLEDER by speaker  
 phone in the presence of SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was asked if he recalled an affidavit given by  
 ROWE to [REDACTED] in which ROWE denied being a Klansman which [REDACTED]  
 could not recall. FLEDER then referred to the "shrapnel bomb"  
 matter in the FD-209 stating that he had been unable to locate  
 any previous report of this in the file reviews and that ROWE  
 had stated he had given a written report on it, stating he  
 thought "the FBI had purged it." [REDACTED] could not recall this  
 but that possibly the info had been given to the "bomb squad"  
 during the BAPBOM investigation.

FLEDER and [REDACTED] had each advised at the outset that  
 neither was recording the interview and FLEDER was aware of SA  
 [REDACTED] presence.

The interview was concluded with [REDACTED] requesting a  
 copy of FLEDER'S report to be submitted to the Attorney General.  
 FLEDER advised [REDACTED] he would check with the Bureau.

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# Memorandum

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 - Mr. J. J. McDermott  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz

(Attn: [redacted])

DATE: 7/13/79

3 - Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr.

1 - P. E. Nugent

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TO :

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FROM :

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SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING  
OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL  
RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF  
UNITED STATES V. EATON, ET AL.

PURPOSE: To advise of receipt of unsigned report prepared by  
captioned task force for review for classification  
and substantive comments of the FBI to be completed by 7/25/79.

DETAILS: Captioned task force was appointed in November,  
1978, to look into certain matters concerning the  
FBI's handling of former Ku Klux Klan informant, particularly  
as it related to the prosecution of the murderers of Viola  
Liuzzo. The task force has had access to both FBI Headquar-  
ters and field investigative files, has interviewed current  
and former FBI personnel and other pertinent individuals,  
together with conducting additional investigation to resolve  
its mandate. Judge Webster promised full FBI cooperation.

At approximately 10 a.m., 7/11/79, Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Department of Justice, appeared in the office of Assistant to the Director-Deputy Associate Director John J. McDermott with Mr. Richard Rogers, also of OPR, and task force attorney John Fleder. Assistant Section Chief [redacted] Records Management Division, and SA [redacted] Legal Counsel Division, were also present. Mr. Shaheen complimented the FBI on its full cooperation in this matter, and delivered five copies of a report of the task force which was unsigned and which was to be reviewed by the FBI for classification and FBI observations which should be furnished in writing to Mr. Shaheen no later than close of business Wednesday, 7/25/79.

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A brief discussion ensued concerning the necessity of protecting informants, sources, and techniques, and whether any resultant release of the materials contained therein could be protected by executive privilege rule. Mr. Shaheen indicated that the report was for the Attorney General and

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SEE LEGAL COUNSEL ADDENDUM DATED 7/17/79,

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Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling of  
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Division's Prosecution of United States  
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Director Webster and a public version will be furnished after approved by the Attorney General. The public version will probably be the very report that will be furnished to the Senate Judiciary Committee which prompted the task force mandate. Mr. Shaheen and Mr. Fleder indicated the contents of this report would have a direct impact upon the [ ] suit against the FBI concerning allegations Rowe murdered Mrs. Liuzzo.

The task force used pseudonyms for certain informants and, at the request of FBI representatives, agreed to furnish separately a list of the true identities of the pseudonyms for easier FBI review. (Such a list was furnished SA [ ] during the afternoon of 7/11/79.) Further, copy number 5 as designated by liaison coordinator [ ] was furnished Supervisor [ ] Criminal Investigative Division, for review. Copies 2 and 3 are being reviewed by classification experts, while copy number 4 was delivered to SA [ ] for Legal Counsel Division review. Copy number 1 is being retained by SA [ ] for coordinating purposes. It is anticipated copies 2 and 3 will be available as of 7/16/79 for [ ] and Mr. Nugent to utilize in their reviews. The task force requested no additional copies of the report be made without its permission.

RECOMMENDATION: That the interested divisions and personnel named review the report as requested by the task force for both classification and matters of substance, furnishing proposed written comments to SA [ ] no later than close of business 7/24/79.

APPROVED:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO :

[Redacted] WLB/OTF

DATE: 7/25/79

FROM :

[Redacted] BR

SUBJECT:

TASK FORCE REVIEWING FBI'S HANDLING  
OF GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL  
RIGHTS DIVISION'S PROSECUTION OF  
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**PURPOSE:** To set forth results of review of unsigned Task Force report prepared in captioned matter recommending the attached communication be sent to the Justice Department, Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), as FBI response to same.

**SYNOPSIS:** Task Force appointed by Attorney General, November, 1978, regarding handling of Ku Klux Klan informant, Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., and prosecution of murder of civil rights worker, Viola Liuzzo. Unsigned report presented FBI 7/11/79 for review and comments in writing by 7/25/79. Overall finding logical and objective; however, several conflicting statements made based on material set out elsewhere in report. Liuzzo suit will be directly impacted. Some material supports both sides with Liuzzo killing shown as being unplanned. Impression created FBI did not properly supervise Rowe. Department intends to release public version of report after current report approved by Attorney General. FBI Legal Counsel Division (LCD) has reservations that Department will successfully protect identities of Agents and informants from civil discovery based upon public version of report.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the attached communication setting forth the FBI's observations and suggested corrections be forwarded to OPR.

*Encs. delivered to Mr. R. Rogers,  
Office Professional  
Responsibility, Justice  
4:30p 7/25/79 DTP*

Encs.

- 1 - Mr. McDermott
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - [Redacted]

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APPROVED:

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Memorandum to [REDACTED]

Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling  
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Rights Division's Prosecution of  
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DETAILS: Captioned Task Force was appointed by the Attorney General in November, 1978, to look into certain matters concerning the FBI's handling of former Ku Klux Klan informant, Rowe, particularly as it related to the prosecution of the murder of Viola Liuzzo, a civil rights worker, slain in Alabama in 1965. The Task Force has reviewed pertinent FBI Headquarters (HQ) and field office files, Department records, local records, and has conducted interviews of former and current FBI personnel, Department of Justice Attorneys, local persons, and even some of the informants and Klan members involved. Five copies of an unsigned report were delivered to the FBI on 7/11/79 for FBI's review as to classification and accuracy with our proposed comments to be furnished the OPR by close of business 7/25/79. The interested FBIHQ Divisions and personnel have reviewed the report.

The report on Page 269 sets forth a "conclusion" saying in effect no comment is made regarding Rowe's participation in the death of Liuzzo due to the pending trial in Alabama, and that no conclusions or recommendations are being made regarding the handling of informants as 14 years have passed and the FBI now has guidelines. The matter was considered "sui generis" (one of a kind). This would appear to be a logical and objective conclusion.

However, the report itself contains several statements in a "Summary of Findings" section and elsewhere throughout the report, which statements are in conflict with other material contained in the report. While these conflicts could be considered minor or "moot" in view of the conclusion above, it is felt the FBI should bring these to the attention of OPR inasmuch as a public version of the findings will most likely be drawn from this "working" report. The same theory applies to several instances wherein the wording used in the report could be adjudged as more severe than the circumstances or facts warranted.

Finally, while the report contains no classified material,

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[REDACTED] This will be clearly set forth in our reply.

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Memorandum to [redacted]  
Re: Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling  
of Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., and Civil  
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Observations

In view of the murder trial of Rowe in Alabama and the suits filed against the Bureau, particularly the ACLU suit on behalf of [redacted] [redacted] the report will have a direct impact on these matters. Some of the statements and facts developed could support both sides. Of probable benefit to the Government is that Rowe's participation in Liuzzo's death was not a planned conspiracy, but rather a fast-breaking, volatile situation and doubt still exists as to Rowe's true involvement. This is based upon the Task Force's finding of a lack of credibility on the part of the two Klan members previously convicted in connection with Liuzzo's murder. However, due to the tenor of much of the report, the Task Force creates an impression Rowe was not properly supervised by the FBI.

As a result, any public version should not identify the Agents or informants and the Department Attorneys handling the three civil suits related to this matter should be made aware of the Task Force's findings, particularly as to the finalized report. [redacted]

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**FBI's Suggested Review for Conflict and  
Errors of Task Force's Unsigned Report  
in the Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., Matter**



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The section which follows sets forth typographical errors uncovered which should be changed to read:

Page 30, paragraph 1	Clarence Kelley
Page 34, paragraph 1	Kelley
Page 49, line 1	Rowe
Page 85, paragraph 2, line 9	eventually
Page 236, last paragraph	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>
Page 242, paragraph 2	also on 3/30/65
Page 269, paragraph 2, line 2	Liuzzo

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**NOTE:** Enclosure to letter John J. McDermott to Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Office of Professional Responsibility, dated July 25, 1979, captioned "Task Force Reviewing FBI's Handling of Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., and Civil Rights Division's Prosecution of United States v. Eaton, et al."

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## memorandum

DATE: 2/25/79

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

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SUBJECT:

Report of the Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., Task Force

TO:

William H. Webster, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

ATTN:

John J. McDermott  
Deputy Associate Director

Accompanying this memorandum are five copies of the Report of the Rowe Task Force. These copies are for your review and comment; the final version of this report will not be submitted to the Attorney General until after the Task Force has had the benefit of your observations. Accordingly, we ask that your review--both for substance and for classification matters--be completed, and your written comments be furnished to this Office, no later than the close of business, Wednesday, July 25, 1979.

We wish to call your attention to the following matters concerning the report:

1. In four places, the pagination is incorrect. Numbered pages 76-77, 245-247, 256 and 267 are not in the report. Only the numbering is in error--no pages bearing these numbers exist.

2. Four pages of grand jury materials (pages 226-229) are not included in the copies being furnished to you. The Task Force will apply for a 6(e) order permitting public dissemination of this material at a later date.

3. The Task Force extended promises of confidentiality to the following individuals:

[REDACTED] We would appreciate receiving your comments on an appropriate method for protecting their confidentiality in any version that will be made public. The Task Force has suggested that the agents (including SAC's and ASAC's) be called Special Agent A, B, C,...

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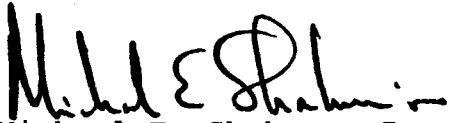
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We ask that you furnish us your comments in two separate memoranda: one which notes factual errors, incorrect footnotes, etc.; the other which sets forth your observations on the merits of the report. As to the latter, it will be the Task Force's decision whether any changes will be made in their report as a result of your comments.

Thank you for your cooperation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility

Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
Counsel, Office of Professional  
Responsibility, Department of Justice

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July 25, 1979

John J. McDermott, Assistant to the  
Director-Deputy Associate Director,  
FBI

1 - Mr. J. J. McDermott  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz  
1 - Mr. D. W. Moore Jr.  
1 - Mr. B. P. Herndon

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GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
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Reference is made to the five copies of an  
unsigned report prepared by the Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., Task  
Force which were delivered to the FBI on July 11, 1979, for  
the purposes of a review for classification and for a review  
for accuracy, wherein our observations or comments were to  
be furnished you in writing by the close of business  
July 25, 1979.

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First, I want to thank you again for the courtesy  
in affording the FBI the opportunity to review this report  
in its current form prior to its finalization.

Second, the findings set forth on page 269 are  
logical and objective and the FBI cannot take any exception  
to them. Further, there is no classifiable material set  
out in the report.

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It is hoped all of these  
factors will be utilized in making any release of the mate-  
rial mentioned above for whatever reason.

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to Mr. R. Rogers,  
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